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Clubs aim to cash in on Soccerroo heroes

The national league, cornerstone of Australian soccer, resumes at the weekend, hoping to cash in on the euphoria of the international series.

All the stars who thrilled the fans against Juventus, Iraklis, Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Glasgow Rangers, will be back at their clubs as the battles continue for the Conference championships.

Fears have been expressed that the international game will have lifted the expectations of the fans to a level the clubs are unable to reach. Let's be more optimistic than that.

The players themselves can't afford to drop their standards when they return to their clubs. The fans will make their lives hell if that happens. And it's the clubs that pay the players' wages, so it's to the clubs that these players owe their allegiance.

If players like David Ratcliffe, Alan Davidson, Joe Watson, Marshall Soper, Graham Jennings, Charlie Yankos, Frank Farina and Ken Murphy were able to produce moments of magic against the overseas visitors, they should do likewise in the Intra-Conference Challenge round at the weekend.

And if the fans marvelled at these players over the past four weeks, surely they'll come to the club games with new enthusiasm, and higher expectations.

Leadership of the National Conference, and at least one position in the top five are at stake on Sunday. In the Australian Conference, Marconi gets its chance to move closer to an eventual top-five position, Melita Eagles — if they're good enough — could climb to equal leadership, and Wollongong gets perhaps its last chance to avoid the wooden spoon.

Clearly, most interest will be in the National Conference, where Makedonia is poised to take over leadership if results go to the club's hopes.

To realise this aim, Makedonia would have to beat Melbourne Croatia, while Juventus and Heidelberg-Alexander would have to draw.

Alternatively, if Croatia beats Makedonia, then Croatia would return to the top five.

This would mean that either South Melbourne Hellas or West Adelaide Hellas would drop out. These two meet each other in a double-header in Adelaide on Sunday, with the likely outcome being a victory to the Victorians. West Adelaide, after all, failed to score a goal in three matches against weakened teams in the National Cup.

But South Melbourne Hellas, like Sydney City Hakoah and St George Budapest, has to depend on its Soccerroo maintaining their international form. The men involved are Davidson, Murphy, Charlie Egan, Doug Brown, Steve Blair and Oscar Crino.

West Adelaide, on the other hand, has a few players who hope eventually to break into representative soccer, and what better opportunity to strengthen their claims than against the established international stars? George Konstantopoulos especially, has shown me at least, that he has what it takes to develop into a top-flight player.

The Makedonia-Croatia clash will be totally engrossing. Croatia has reached the National Cup semi-finals as the top-scoring team in the competition and will be under new coach Tony Vrzina for the first time. Robert Markovic, 17, has shown remarkable form for a player of his age, and Croatia will have defender Peter Lewis back from international duty. Whether he plays at right back, or in midfield where Tommy Cummin used him, is up to Vrzina. Cummin, without the worries of coaching as well as playing, should be

Croatia's key man as usual, and up front David Brogan has been in lethal form.

Makedonia should be a much better team at the weekend than its National Cup form indicated. With Con Opasinis and Gary Cole back from the National B team, coach Peter Ollerton can choose from a full squad, minus George Campbell who is injured. Robbie Dunn is likely to continue playing in midfield, where Makedonia has a strong man with defensive qualities to complement the more attacking approach of Zarko Odzakovic and Zoran Illoski.

Match practice counts for much, so Croatia should have the edge here.

In the Australian Conference, Raul Blanco's Melita Eagles have stolen the limelight with their dogged resistance to the established giants of the NSL, and have been rewarded with second place on the ladder.

Sunday presents them with their ultimate test, for they meet league leader Hakoah, reinforced by Steve O'Connor, John Kosmina, Alex Robertson, Jim Cant, Joe Watson and Tony Pezanzo.

Alex McPherson has been intemperate in form in Melita's goal, Ken Wilson has been methodical as ever as sweeper, Howard Tredinnick is hard to pass at left back while also helping to build up the play, and the midfield combination of Allan, Jamieson, Farrugia and Griffiths is one of the most solid in the league.

Hakoah will win, though, if its Soccerroo reproduce their fanaticism of the past four weeks. If not, the Eagles could spring a surprise here.

In its last match, Melita held Sydney Olympic to the scoreless draw. Olympic defends third position on Sunday against APIA Leichhardt, which has advanced to the National Cup semi-finals undefeated. Olympic may have Soper, Patikas, Katholos, Jennings and Katholos back, but has an equal chance of winning, as it has remained a tight team unit during the Cup series, and because Arno Bertogna and Petr Tredinnick are in superlative form.

Heidelberg-Alexander, leader of the National Conference, will be severely handicapped by the absence of strikers Scott Patterson and Steve Winn, who are required to serve suspensions, over being sent off in a Cup game against Melbourne Croatia. Without those two, Heidelberg may be unable to break down the Juventus defence.

Juventus's striker Joe Sweeney has been ill, and midfielder Richard Miranda was injured in a Soccerroo match without them, this match probably will finish in a draw, with both teams relying on their defences.

Three Blacktown players — Mike Berry, Tony Rafter and Cliff Pointer — were injured in a Cup game against Adelaide City Juventus, and if none of them is able to play, Blacktown seems doomed to defeat against St George Budapest.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v Canberra Arrows at Adamstown Oval, 2.30 pm.

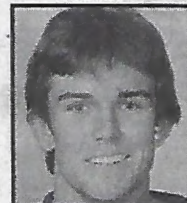
SUNDAY
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Melita Eagles at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.
Sydney Olympic v APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at Pratten Park, 3 pm.
ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v Blacktown at St George Stadium, 3 pm.
MARCONI v Penrith at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.
Wollongong v SYDNEY CROATIA at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm.
Heidelberg-Alexander v B.U. Juventus (draw) at Olympic Village, 3 pm.
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Preston-Makedonia at Olympic Park, 3 pm.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Green Gully at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.
BRISBANE LIONS v Sunshine-George Cross at Richlands, 3 pm.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v Brisbane City at Olympic Sports Field, 1 pm.
West Adelaide Hellas v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Olympic Sports Field, 3 pm.



Yankos



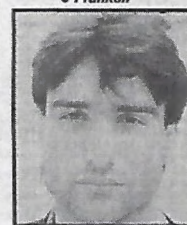
Murphy



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Pazzano



Patikas



Opasinis

CLUB CHIEFS IN UPROAR OVER CASH!

By PETER WINDSOR and LAURIE SCHWAB

The National League has renewed its call for compensation from receipts of international matches and clubs are facing severe financial problems as the competition kicks off again.

NSL chairman Sam Papisavas, however, dispelled rumors that the NSL would be replaced by State super leagues next season.

"Some clubs may be expressing doubts about their ability to compete at this level, but Queensland and South Australia definitely want the NSL to continue, and there is no talk of any of the Victorian teams pulling out," Mr Papisavas said.

He praised the "tremendous" performances of the national teams in the world series — performances made possible by NSL players.

"The NSL is the best thing that has happened to Australian soccer. The standard of the game has improved out of sight," he said.

However, he stressed that the league had to decide now



Charlie Perkins

how it would run its competition next season. "In the past, we've been willing to cut out threats for sponsorship. Now we may have to re-assess all our policies to see how we can gain extra benefits and how we can give more pleasure to the fans."

He said the change of club names had been detrimental to supporters in most cases.

Without the sponsorship the league had expected through West Nally Ltd, club affiliation fees would remain at about \$20,000 next season, as much of the league's accumulated debt had been cleared.

Canberra Arrows president Charlie Perkins said Australian soccer had to stop "pres-

questions rather than accepting whatever others want us to hear.

"We've got to put the brakes on the marketing people and the federations. We should be able to control our own destiny. Let's either get together with these people in a spirit of mutual co-operation, or go our own way."

Charlie Perkins said: "Soccer administrators sold the international series to outsiders virtually without the NSL receiving a cent. That is a disgrace. It should never have been allowed to happen."

"We at Canberra Arrows look like having at best three home games in nine weeks. That's appalling. But other clubs are no better off. How do administrators expect clubs to keep meeting their commitments? What happened this year must never be allowed to happen again."

Perkins said he wanted to emphasise that he supported the international soccer series concept "inasmuch as soccer was the definite winner — but only if administrators negotiated arrangements in which clubs in the NSL received some compensation."

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Real Madrid, Aris want to visit

Six times European Cup winner Real Madrid, whose present team includes six internationals, wants to tour Australia next year.

And another leading Greek side, Aris, also has indicated an interest to play in an international tournament here.

The two teams will be offered to the Australian Soccer Federation this week by international soccer agent, Continental Sport.

A representative of the company, Mr

Francisco Rodriguez, presently is travelling with touring Greek side Iraklis.

Mr Rodriguez said his company had spoken to Real Madrid officials and the club was keen to tour Australia. The club is one of the most famous in the world after having dominated European soccer in the fifties with players of the calibre of Puskas and Di Stefano.

Its present team includes Spanish international striker Santamarria and German ace Uli Stielke.

"It will be up to Mr Peter Sheehan if he

wants Real Madrid and if financial details can be worked out," Mr Rodriguez said.

"I will also talk to him about getting other British teams to Australia. We have agents in Britain who deal with the top clubs."

There could be real value in Australia playing Real Madrid as Spain could be the European team matched against the Soccerroo for a berth in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.

RICKY ROSSO

Ansett.

The National League's Official Airline

NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
HEID ALEXANDER.....	6	3	3	21	14	15			
JUVENTUS.....	7	1	4	18	19	15			
MAKEDONIA.....	5	4	3	20	15	14			
S. MELB HELLAS.....	5	2	5	21	20	12			
W ADEL HELLAS.....	5	2	5	21	20	12			
Melb Croatia.....	4	4	4	17	20	12			
Bris City.....	4	3	5	9	13	11			
Adel C Juventus.....	4	2	6	12	12	10			
Green Gully.....	3	4	5	11	16	10			
Foots JUST.....	3	3	7	11	20	9			
Brisb Lions.....	2	4	6	11	18	8			
Sun G Cross.....	2	2	8	6	25	6			
AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE									
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
SYD CITY HAKOAH.....	8	3	1	34	9	19			
MELITA EAGLES.....	6	5	1	14	9	17			
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	6	4	2	24	12	16			
APIA-LHARDT.....	6	3	3	19	14	15			
BLACKTOWN.....	6	3	3	19	17	15			
Marconi.....	5	2	5	27	18	12			
St Geo Budapest.....	4	4	4	13	14	12			
Penrith.....	4	4	4	17	21	12			
Newc-Rosebud.....	5	1	7	16	25	11			
Canberra Arrows.....	5	0	7	23	19	10			
Sydney Croatia.....	3	4	5	15	22	10			
Wollongong.....	2	3	7	10	25	7			

Platini smashes Fontaine's scoring record

FRANCE 5 (Platini 3rd, 74th pen, 88th, Giresse 32nd, Fernandez 43rd) BELGIUM 0.

Michel Platini smashed the all-time French scoring record in this match during the European Championship finals.

Platini scored three times and has now scored 30 goals in 50 internationals, three more than Just Fontaine whose previous record had stood for 24 years.

Alain Giresse and Luis Fernandez also scored for France which had not conceded a goal for seven games.

France's victory equalled the highest score ever in the final phase of the competition and virtually assured the host nation of a place in the semi-finals.

The Belgians, runners-up four years ago to West Germany, went into the match as group leaders following their 2-0 win over Yugoslavia.

But manager Guy Thys's new-look defence, completely reshaped following the Standard Liege bribery scandal that robbed him of three key players, was totally swamped by France's fast, incisive attacks.

"How could we not be satisfied with the score and the way we played?" said French manager Michel Hidalgo afterwards.

Thys said his team lost the match in midfield, and not at the back.

"All French goals came from their midfielders. It's too severe a defeat, perhaps, but we have no excuses. The French were extremely strong and the first goal really shocked us," he said.

Yugoslavs trounced

DENMARK 5 (Arensens 7th, 68th pen, Berggreen 16th, Elkjær 82nd, Lauridsen 84th) YUGOSLAVIA 0

DENMARK: Qvist, Rasmussen, Busk, Olsen, Nielsen, Arensens (Lauridsen, 68th), Berggreen, Lørbj, Laudrup, Elkjær.
YUGOSLAVIA: Ivkovic, Mijic, Zajec, N. Stojkovic, Susic, Bazdarevic (D. Stojkovic, 22), Gudiel, Katanec (Hilovic, 68), Radanovic, Vujovic, Cvetkovic.

The group I result eliminated the Yugoslavs who no longer could advance after two straight defeats. The final whistle was greeted with ecstasy by the Danish fans, 15,000 of whom had made the trip to this central French town.

The Danes, in their first ever victory over Yugoslavia, opened the scoring when Yugoslav goalkeeper Ivkovic was deceived by Arensens's mistimed cross and pushed the ball over the line as he dived back to stop it.

Nine minutes later, the Danes scored again when Ivkovic was too late coming off his line. Laudrup beat him to the challenge and deflected the ball to Berggreen, who stabbed it home.

As the Yugoslavs came out fighting in the second half,

The European championships

Cvetkovic, clean through, had a shot turned away for a corner by Morten Olsen with the Danish goalkeeper Ole Qvist beaten, and Vujovic missed two more golden opportunities.

But after 69 minutes, the Yugoslav challenge ended in controversy. Elkjær and Gudiel challenged for the ball in the penalty area, the Dane hit the ground and the referee pointed to the spot despite fierce protests from the Yugoslav defenders.

Arensen drove the penalty low and hard to Ivkovic's right. As the gaps opened in the Yugoslav defence, Denmark scored two more late goals.

Berggreen's miskick went straight to Laudrup who planted the ball into the path of Elkjær. The Lørbj striker made no mistake with a crisp shot.

With five minutes remaining, John Lauridsen scored the best goal of the match, cutting inside a Yugoslav defender and curling the ball from the narrowest of angles into the far corner of the net.

Chalana top man

SPAIN 1 (Santillana 73rd) PORTUGAL 1 (Sousa 52nd).

A goal from centre-forward Carlos Santillana gave Spain a 1-1 draw it barely deserved in the all-

Iberian clash with Portugal

Until his 73rd minute goal Spain had looked in danger of being outclassed by the Portuguese side inspired by the brilliance of midfielder Chalana.

Portugal took the lead with a goal by Sousa from a move started, inevitably, by the irrepressible Chalana.

The midfielder sent a beautiful probing ball down the left wing to Carlos Manuel who pulled it back to Sousa on the edge of the box. Sousa saw Spain's goalkeeper Luis Arcandana well off his line and chipped the ball over him into the net in the 52nd minute.

Spain, who had rarely looked like scoring at that stage, sent on Manuel Sarabia shortly afterwards to put more punch into the forward line.

The big striker soon had the Portuguese defence in trouble and in the 73rd minute Spain equalised when Santillana shot home from close in as the back four dithered over clearing the ball.

The goal flattered Spain which had shown no more inspiration than in its 1-1 draw with Romania. But from then on it played its best football and came close to snatching the game.

Voeller hits two

WEST GERMANY 2 (Voeller 24th, 66th) ROMANIA 1 (Coras 46th).

Rudi Voeller of Werder Bremen was the hero of this, the first victory in the tournament for Germany, the defending champion, following its 0-0 draw against Portugal.

After dominating the first half, the Germans had to work hard for the victory that took them, at least temporarily, to the top of the Group II standings with three points from two games.

Denmark's threat

FRANCE 1 (Platini 78th) DENMARK 0.

FRANCE: Joel Bats, Patrick Battiston, Yvon Le Roux (Jean-Francois Domingue 60 min), Maxime Bossis, Manuvel Amoros, Jean Tigana, Luis Fernandez, Alain Giresse, Michel Platini (captain), Bernard Lacombe, Bruno Bellone.

DENMARK: Ole Qvist, Morten Olsen, Søren Busk, Jens-Jørn Bertelsen, Frank Arnesen (Jesper Olsen 80 min), Søren Lørbj, Klaus Berggreen, Allan Simonsen (John Lauridsen 45 min), Preben Elkjaer, Michael Laudrup.

Denmark considered withdrawing from its next match in the European Championship finals but then thought better of it.

Frits Ahlstrom, the Danish press officer, said he told European Football Union (UEFA) officials that Denmark was considering withdrawing from the group-one game against Yugoslavia in Lyons even though "I knew we risk a big fine."

But he said after a meeting between Danish Football Association officials Carl Nielsen and Erik Hyldstrup and national team trainer Sepp Piontek, he had informed UEFA that they would play as scheduled.

Ahlstrom said they considered withdrawing because UEFA would not allow Denmark to bring in a replacement for Allan Simonsen, who broke a leg in the opening match of the tournament against France in Paris.

Captain Michel Platini scored France's winner in the 78th minute when his low shot was deflected by the falling body of Søren Busk past Danish goalkeeper Ole Qvist.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP — Overall records													
Nation	No. of Ent.	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Goal diff.	pts	%			
1. West Germany	5	42	26	12	4	92	29	+63	3.17	64	78.54		
2. England	6	45	28	10	7	98	33	+65	2.96	66	73.33		
3. Spain	7	49	28	12	9	98	40	+58	2.45	68	69.38		
4. Czechoslovakia	7	50	29	11	10	114	54	+60	2.11	69	69.00		
5. USSR	7	50	28	10	12	88	44	+44	2.00	66	66.00		
6. Holland	6	45	26	6	13	105	51	+54	2.05	58	64.44		
7. Yugoslavia	7	49	26	11	12	90	59	+31	1.52	63	64.28		
8. Italy	6	41	18	14	9	61	39	+22	1.56	50	60.97		
9. Belgium	6	43	20	12	11	65	46	+19	1.41	52	60.46		
10. Portugal	7	39	20	7	12	52	51	+1	1.01	47	60.25		
11. France	7	38	17	9	12	74	48	+26	1.54	43	56.57		
12. Austria	7	40	18	9	13	74	54	+20	1.37	45	56.25		
13. Rumania	7	41	17	12	12	58	52	+6	1.30	46	56.09		
14. Hungary	7	48	21	10	17	93	65	+28	1.43	52	54.16		
15. East Germany	7	38	16	9	13	63	55	+8	1.14	41	53.94		
16. Northern Ireland	6	38	17	6	15	41	40	+1	1.02	40	52.63		
17. Poland	7	36	14	9	13	53	44	+9	1.20	37	51.38		
18. Sweden	6	38	15	9	14	51	51	0	1.00	39	51.31		
19. Bulgaria	7	41	17	8	16	59	57	+2	0.85	28	41.27		
20. Wales	6	34	13	8	13	45	42	+3	1.09	34	50.00		
21. Scotland	5	32	12	7	13	45	44	+1	1.02	31	48.43		
22. Greece	6	37	11	11	15	47	56	-9	0.83	33	44.59		
23. Republic of Ireland	7	42	14	9	19	59	64	-5	0.92	37	44.04		
24. Turkey	7	36	12	7	17	28	62	-34	0.45	31	43.05		
25. Switzerland	6	34	11	6	17	49	57	-8	0.85	28	41.17		
26. Denmark	7	44	19	7	24	62	81	-19	0.76	33	37.50		
27. Albania	4	20	2	4	14	10	36	-26	0.27	8	20.00		
28. Finland	5	30	2	7	21	21	70	-49	0.30	11	18.33		
29. Norway	7	36	3	6	27	34	82	-48	0.44	12	16.66		
30. Iceland	4	24	2	4	18	11	47	-48	0.23	8	16.66		
31. Luxembourg	0	37	1	6	30	24	120	-96	0.20	8	10.81		
32. Malta	5	28	2	2	24	13	103	-90	0.12	6	10.70		
33. Cyprus	5	32	1	3	28	11	106	-95	0.10	5	7.81		

Denmark lost Simonsen at the end of the first half after a collision with French centre-back Yvon Le Roux.

The French finished the match with 10 men when full-back Manuel Amoros was sent off three minutes from time for butting Danish substitute Jesper Olsen after being tackled from behind.

Scifo stars

BELGIUM 2 (Van den Bergh 28th, Grun 45th) YUGOSLAVIA 0

Belgium, playing a competitive game for the first time since the Standard Liege bribes scandal deprived it of five key players, scored a convincing 2-0 win over Yugoslavia in their opening match of the European championship.

The suspensions that followed the Standard bribes scandal required Belgium to field an untried defence and their response was to concentrate on attack from the start.

Captain Jan Ceulemans typified the Belgian strategy, repeatedly ranging upfield to support his strikers and often creating scoring chances for himself.

Belgium were also brilliantly served by Anderlecht's 18-year-old midfielder Enzo Scifo, the youngest player on the field. He gave an impressive display of skilful ball control and incisive passing.

Top goal so far

ROMANIA 1 (Boloni 34th) SPAIN 1 (Carrasco penalties 22nd).

Romania and Spain drew 1-1 to leave all four teams in Group Two of the European Championship finals level on points after the opening games.

The match, while rarely rising above the dull defensive struggle that had been widely expected, did at least provide the goal of the championship so far.

Romania's Marcel Coras ran wide to the left in the penalty area before turning to place a beautiful square ball into the path of the incoming Ladislau Boloni for 34 minutes.

Boloni struck a powerful group shot from 12 metres just inside the near post to give Romania a deserved equaliser.

For Boloni, the goal amends for his foul on Ricardo Gallego 12 minutes earlier which led to Spain taking a surprise lead from Francisco Carrasco's subsequent penalty.

German robots

WEST GERMANY 0 PORTUGAL 0

WEST GERMANY — Harald Schumacher; Bernd Forster, Uli Stielke, Karl Heinz Forster, Hans-Peter Bräutigam, Guido Buchwald (Rudi Bommer 67th min), Wolfgang Roff (Lothar Matthäus 67th), Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Andreas Brehme; Rudolf Voeller, Klaus Allofs.

PORTUGAL — Manuel Bento; Joao Pinto, Lima Pereira, Eurico Gomes, Alvaro Magalhães; Antonio Sousa, Antonio Frasco (Anatolio Veloso 78th), Jaime Pacheco,

Carlos Manuel, Fernando Chalana; Rui Jordao (Fernando Gomes 84th).

West Germany made an inauspicious start to its defence of the European Championship when it was held to a disappointing goalless draw by Portugal.

The result was just what Portuguese coach Carlos Caritá wanted. He admitted before the game his side would be playing for a draw in the hope of securing a semifinal place.

West Germany, European champion in 1972 and 1980 and runner-up in 1976, appeared a pale shadow of those great teams of the past and manager Jupp Derwall obviously has a lot to do if he is to turn his squad into championship-winning material.

During the World Cup in Spain two years ago, Pele called the West Germans "10

robots plus Karl-Heinz Rummenigge". Sadly, the former European Footballer of the Year also appeared to be powered by micro-chip and Inter-Milan's expensive new signing was an anonymous figure in the over-populated midfield.

He became more recognisable, though, when he swapped roles with striker Klaus Allofs in the 67th minute.

But generally there was nothing unpredictable or inventive from the West Germans and they are obviously missing the skill and vision of injured Barcelona star Bernd Schuster, the mastermind behind their triumph in Italy four years ago.

They certainly had no one to match the artistry and wizardry of the winger Chalana. Playing in a withdrawn midfield role, he was a constant menace on the left with his cheeky runs and perfectly weighted passes.

New Zealand's tour in doubt

New Zealand's proposed world tour is in jeopardy.

NZFA chairman Charlie Dempsey has stressed that the tour would proceed only if it was financially viable and earlier experiences indicate that such a venture would lose money.

To date, just two fixtures have been provisionally arranged — against England "B" and a Channel Islands Selection.

— PAUL MOON

Charlton at Newcastle

Jack Charlton, who won a World Cup Winners' medal with England in 1966, returned to soccer management when he was appointed head of newly-promoted Newcastle United.

Charlton, 49, succeeds Arthur Cox who resigned after steering the club back into the first division.

Charlton, a former manager of Sheffield Wednesday, came out of retirement in the closing weeks of last season to take charge of Middlesbrough.

"I am absolutely delighted. It is a sentimental journey back home. I always said I would only return to manage a big club and there are none bigger than Newcastle," he said.

Bobby Moore, England's captain in 1966, has accepted a four-year contract to stay on as manager of fourth division Southend. He took over in a caretaker capacity last season after the sacking of Peter Morris, but failed to save the side from relegation.

Junior to Torino

Rio club Flamengo has confirmed it has agreed to transfer its star full-back junior to Italian first division Torino.

Club president George Heil said in a radio interview that although he would rather keep junior with Flamengo, "we had no way of competing with the offer made by the Italians."

Heil declined to disclose the fee involved in the deal, but added that "financially speaking, it will be very good for Flamengo, and even better for Junior."

Unofficial reports said the offer was worth \$1.3 million mingo and \$400,000 a year to 30-year-old Junior for a three-year contract, plus other benefits.

TRESOR QUILTS

Marius Tresor, France's veteran defender who holds a record number of caps, has announced his retirement from soccer.

Tresor, a Martinique-born French national, won 85 full caps and was a member of France's 1978 and 1982 world cup squads. In recent months he has been plagued by injury and was not selected for the French side in the current European Championship finals.

Tresor played for Marseilles before moving to Bordeaux four years ago. Bordeaux won this year's French first division championship.

Tresor's tally of caps surpassed the previous record of 83, held by post-war racing club star Roger Marche.

Ken Armstrong dies

Former England international Ken Armstrong died in Auckland at the age of 60.

Armstrong played in England's 7-2 victory over Scotland in 1955 and was a member of the Chelsea team which won the first division championship that year.

He played a record 474 games for Chelsea before emigrating to New Zealand, where he became a leading player and coach.

You're not selling me!

Casagrande, a 22-year-old striker, has refused to be placed on the transfer list by his club, Corinthians, because under Brazil's labor laws, a trades union official cannot be re-located without his approval. Casagrande was elected president of Sao Paulo's players' union last year.

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Soper now the key striker

By LAURIE SCHWAB

AUSTRALIA A 2 (Soper 30th, O'Connor 81st) JUVENTUS 0 at Sydney Cricket Ground, Saturday. Crowd: 14,004. Referee: Richard Lorenc 8. Cautions: Cabrini (J), Soper (Aust), Davidson (Aust), Yankos (Aust), Furino (J). Sent off: Cabrini (J) 43rd.

AUSTRALIA A: Greedy 6 - Yankos 7 - Davidson 9, Ratcliffe 9, O'Connor 9, Jennings 8 - Watson 9 (Raskopoulos 85th), Murphy 9 - Soper 9 (Farina 8, 44th), Kosmina 7, Mitchell 8. **Coach:** Frank Arok.

JUVENTUS: Bodini 8 - Caricola 8, Scirea 7, Brio 9, Cabrini 5 (sent off 43rd) - Tardelli 6 (Furino 56th), Vignola 5 (Tevola 5, half time), Bonini 7, Prandelli 5 - Koetting 6, Rossi 6. **Coach:** Giovanni Trapattoni.

"The Australian team won today because it showed more heart. Australia wanted to win more than we did," said Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni after the Socceroos had squared their three-match series with the legendary Italians.

Trapattoni made no excuses over Antonio Cabrini's send-off in the 43rd minute when the score was 1-0.

More than anything, the result underlined the emergence of Marshall Soper as the unique forward in the history of the national team.

We will get to the team as a whole later. The team was magnificent - especially Steve O'Connor, Ken Murphy, Alan Davidson and Frank

Colusso, Colucci for Marconi

Matteo Colucci, a guest player from Italy, is likely to play the first of four matches for Marconi against Penrith at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

Colucci, a midfielder, plays for Trento in the Italian Third Division.

Rene Colusso also will play four guest games with Marconi. Colusso, 27, started with Marconi, but now plays in Sicily. He previously was with Torino and Pisa.

His first match is expected to be against Sydney Croatia at Marconi Stadium on Sunday week.

Man of the Match - KEN MURPHY (Australia A)

defences which have weight of numbers on their side, or he is able to produce something out of the ordinary to let the crowd know they are on the field.

Rather a Soper with fight than a Rossi without it. Were Soper on the Juventus team and were Soper, like Rossi, the only striker in the line-up, Juventus would have shown a bit more on Sunday.

Soper had his left shin scraped open from knee to ankle by Marco Tardelli's studs in the 10th minute. He informed the bench his leg had gone numb. Coach Frank Arok warmed up Frank Farina to take Soper's place, yet Soper carried on for 34 minutes, during which he scored one goal, had three narrow misses and set up two good chances for John Kosmina and Ken Murphy.

"If anything has come out of this series, it is that Soper is a key player who can keep his cool no matter what they have written about him," Arok said after the match.

"And now Australia has four or five strikers, whereas before we had one or one and a half."

But while praising Soper's efforts, let us also pay tribute to the other heroes - O'Connor, Murphy, Davidson, and David Ratcliffe.

Murphy, O'Connor and Soper were the main constants for the man-of-the-match award, but the nod went to Murphy because Soper was on the field for only one half. He was a human dynamo in midfield, tackling fiercely, winning the ball, passing accurately, crossing purposefully and also trying to shoot at every opportunity.

In matches like these, you look for things that are extraordinary for the individual concerned. In O'Connor's case, he played calm passes to get out of tight situations, delivered inspired passes for

which he is not renowned in club soccer, and of course scored his third goal, making him Australia's top scorer of the series so far.

In between, he also kept his opponent, Giovanni Koetting, out of the action.

Davidson, as usual, was the prime mover on the right flank and most of the goal-mouth action resulted from his build-up play. Farina cut the Juventus defence to ribbons when he came on, hit the post with a shot and was prevented from scoring at least once by a professional foul from Nicola Caricola. Only 19, Farina could have had four goals had he had a little more experience.

While the Socceroos thrilled the 14,000 crowd with their non-stop attacks in the second half, Juventus was tremendously disappointing. It had no fire, little imagination, virtually no get-up-and-go.

With Zbigniew Boniek out injured, Juventus's attack was as impotent as a homosexual with Bo Derek.

Marco Tardelli, hero of Italy's World Cup victory, was taken off by coach Trapattoni yet again. Beniamino Vignola also was replaced after a sorrowful display and Prandelli was ordinary.

The only players to show desperation were stopper Sergio Brio and goalkeeper Bodini who got his chance ahead of Tacconi.

Back to Trapattoni who, along with Iraklis's assistant coach Telly Batakis and coach Friedel Rauch, is the finest sportsman to grace our stadiums during this series.

"OK, we did not have Boniek and Gentile, but we make no excuses. The Australian team had to win on its merits," Trapattoni said.

"We had some young players in the team today, and they have to learn that soccer is a competitive game, and that they have to fight for the ball."

About Cabrini's send-off, he said: "He reacted badly and I am in favor of the referee's decision."

The referee, Richard Lorenc, incidentally, was the best of the series so far. He was strong, decisive and correct at all times with the exception of Cabrini's first foul on Soper - an elbow to the head - which deserved a send-off rather than a yellow card.

The victory left Australia with a tied result against Juventus after three games,



Australia's scorers against Juventus in Sydney - Steve O'Connor (left) and Marshall Soper.

having drawn 1-1 in Melbourne, lost 2-4 in Adelaide and won 2-0 in Sydney.

Over the entire series, the Socceroos were one goal ahead, having scored 11 goals to 10 in winning two, drawing four and losing only one game.

Arok, mastermind tactician and team builder extraordinaire, sees three goals achieved: team stability, the development of an attacking approach and the emergence of household names among his Socceroos.

All the glory, he says, belongs to the men who wear the green and gold. When a photographer asked him after the game to pose with goalkeepers Soper and O'Connor, he said: "Take the goalkeepers separately. The glory is theirs. I have nothing to do with it."

And so to the match.

It was Davidson who was building most of the play early. After wriggling past Cabrini on the right, in the 11th minute, he sent the ball inside for Soper, who stuck out his foot but sent the ball over the bar.

Soper, bleeding from the shin after being injured by Tardelli, headed the ball back from the far post to set up a chance for Kosmina, but Brio got his body in front of Kosmina to prevent a goal.

And then goalkeeper Bodini made a desperate lunge to turn away a deflected shot from Soper after a fine build-up involving Davidson, Kosmina and Soper himself.

But Soper got the goal he had wanted so badly in the 39th minute - his first goal for Australia. Murphy delivered a

corner, David Ratcliffe headed it to the far post and there was Soper, going in front of Cabrini to nod it in.

Cabrini was hopping mad now. While going for the ball with Soper, Cabrini lashed out with his forearm, and felled Soper with a blow to the head.

Australian players came to Soper's aid, and Kosmina had to be restrained by teammates from having a go at Brio.

Juventus launched its first dangerous attack in the 37th minute, with Koetting streaking away in a counter-attack. He had shaken off most of the defenders, and looked set to take on goalkeeper Terry Greedy but Davidson pushed him to the ground and was shown the yellow card.

The incident that led to Cabrini being sent off occurred in the 43rd minute. Soper robbed Cabrini of the ball, then lost it quickly to Gaetano Scirea, and brought Scirea down with a foul tackle. Cabrini moved in and belted Soper, referee Lorenc sent Cabrini off, and showed Soper the yellow card.

Arok replaced Soper with Farina immediately after the incident - as much to avoid further attacks on Soper as to have his injury treated.

Tavola replaced Vignola at half time, and went to left back where he had the unenviable job of marking Farina.

The Canberra forward was in the thick of the action almost immediately. Brio slipped and fell, allowing Kosmina to get into the clear, facing the goal. Kosmina slipped it wide for Farina, who brought down

the ball but had his shot saved by Bodini.

Rossi saw the ball for a change in the 55th minute, after Ratcliffe had missed with a desperate tackle. Rossi, however, had been forced wide by then, and his angled shot was over the bar.

With Farina the life and soul of the attack now, Murphy beat two men on the left and fired in a low shot which was saved by Bodini. Watson robbed Bonini of the ball and saw his cross bounce off the crossbar, and Farina, after a sizzling run, shot too high.

A through ball from Charlie Yankos sent Kosmina into the clear, but he failed to shoot and lost his chance, and then Farina missed again after running into the box.

Another shot by Kosmina was turned desperately over the bar by the goalkeeper but finally Australia got the goal it had pushed so hard for.

Watson took a corner, Ratcliffe headed it on, and O'Connor nodded it over the line from close range to make it 2-0.

Farina lobbed the goalkeeper in the 85th minute, but again the ball went over, and then he hit the post with a header after a cut-back from Kosmina.

The match finished with two more Australian substitutes on the field - Peter Raskopoulos for Watson, and Jim Cant for Mitchell.

"It was the greatest 90 minutes I have seen from a team I have been in charge of. It could have been 5-0. Not one side in this tournament has forced us to drop back and defend," Arok said after the game.

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Davidson better in midfield?

By PAUL JAMES



Frank Arok

During the current international series, and during last year's three matches against England, national coach Frank Arok has consistently refused to single out players for either praise or criticism.

Instead, he has preferred to praise the team as a whole, claiming that if one player looked good on the park, it was probably because his teammates did so much work for him — feeding him the ball, creating space for him, and so on.

Therefore, it was with some surprise that Arok made critical remarks of Alan Davidson, a player on whom unbounded praise has been heaped by some sections of the media.

"I have not been totally happy with Davidson's contribution to the attack," Arok said last week.

"His overlapping skills are poor when compared to our left side."

When asked about the possibility of a fit David Skeen coming into the Australian

team, Arok was amazingly blunt.

"There would be no battle between the two. Skeen would be in," he said. "But that doesn't mean Davidson would be out. I would prefer to use him in midfield, and so what we would have would be a fight for the midfield positions."

"I'm not saying that Skeen would have a god-given right to the position — if he didn't fulfil expectations he would not hold onto it."

"But Skeen has more aggressiveness as a defender than Davidson."

Arok said it was always important for a defender to realise that if he went forward he could not risk being caught in possession, or give a sloppy pass.

While there has been much praise for Davidson, one of his flaws seems to be his tendency to give the ball away.

Arok said he needs his defenders and midfielders to carry the extra burden of attack, and that if they fail, the team's striking power will be paralysed.

"I don't find it strange that we have had players like Steve O'Connor, Dave Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos and Jimmy Cant

scoring goals," Arok said.

"Nowadays, strikers do not get much room in the box."

"We need our midfielders and defenders to come through and make use of the space created by the strikers, and that's what's been happening."

"It doesn't surprise me — it delights me."

Arok also said it would be foolish of the Socceroos not to utilise the 'air power' of players like O'Connor and Ratcliffe.

"We have to use as many weapons as possible."

He said it could seem silly for him to say that he has been pleased with the performance of the 'A' team squad. "It would be an understatement," Arok said.

Of the squad he said 14 had performed up to and beyond his expectations, while the others could be given more time to fit into his scheme of things.

"It has always been my intention to first and foremost get a settled team

... a team where the general soccer public can say: Oh yeah, Greedy is the

'keeper, Yankos is the sweeper, and so on.

"That settled state is important for image and for the team, so that the players get to know each others' style."

"Now I think there are nine settled positions, and that leaves me room to mix around my combinations with the other two," he said.

As far as the Australian team for the end of season European tour was concerned, Arok said he already had a pretty good idea of what the tour party would be like. "David Mitchell may not be able to get clearance from Glasgow Rangers for Australia's World Cup elimination matches," he said.

"If he can't get clearance, then that's too bad," Arok said.

"I'm not going to do a song and dance to get Mitchell into the squad, because I think that would be an insult to the players here."

"We've lost players through injury before, and we've just battled on. I will do the same if Mitchell, or anyone else who goes overseas, can't get leave to play for his country."



Alan Davidson



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Marco Tardelli

Tardelli best in Italy — Zico

Think of Juventus and the mind automatically focuses upon Platini, Boniek or Rossi, but many experts would rank Marco Tardelli as an equally important figure in the Zebras' recent success story.

Indeed, shortly after Zico joined Udinese, the Brazilian superstar was asked whom he considered to be the Italian league's best player. His response was: "Tardelli is the top player in Italy. He's a fine all-rounder, who would find a place in any national team in the world. He can tackle, score goals, organise the midfield, is good in the air and quick on the ground. You can't ask much more of any player."

This testimonial illustrates how Tardelli's on-field image had changed in a remarkably short time, for only a few years ago he was known exclusively as a rugged and ruthless exponent of man-to-man marking.

His career started, as an 18-year-old, with Serie C side Pisa. After two seasons, he moved up a division when transferred to Como.

But, Tardelli spent just a single year in Lombardy, before Juventus spotted his potential.

He had been with the Turin club only 10 months when making an excellent debut for Italy "B". A call-up for the senior team came after just two games.

It was the 1978 Mundial which first brought Tardelli to the world's attention and when Argentina staged a match against the Rest of the World to commemorate the first anniversary of its triumph in the same tournament, he gained a place in the visitors' midfield.

Tardelli's efficient marking of Diego Maradona paved the way for the "Rest's" 2-1 win, but he suffered the indignity of being sent off late in the game.

Yet, his dominance of Kevin Keegan during the 1980 European Championship proved him able to play effectively without resorting to foul play.

By the time 1982's World Cup finals started Enzo Bearzot was getting the best out of Tardelli for Italy, not only utilising his proven ability of tackling and tight marking, but also the largely untapped resources of magnificent distribution, speed moving into space and crisp shooting.

His performance in the final against West Germany, during which he scored a goal to add to the one smashed into Argentina's net earlier, earned him the Man of the Match Award.

— PAUL MOON

AUSTRALIA B O IRAKLIS
0 at Lang Park, Brisbane.
Crowd: About 2000. Caution: Orfanidis (Iraklis). Referee: Alan Kibbler B.

AUSTRALIA B: O'Shea 6 (Lewis half-time, 6), Blair 7, Henderson 8, M. O'Shea 6, Rizzotto 7, Selamidis 7, Miranda 6 (Katholos 57th), Patikas 8 — Slater 6 (Brown 81st), Egan 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev 6 — Mavridis 6, Firas 8, Pergaminos 7, Orfanidis 6 (Adamou 57th) — Papaioannou 7, Zifkas 6, Xanthopoulos 8 — Papadopoulos 7, Hatzipanagis 7, Gelatidis 6. Coach: Telly Batakis.

Quick thinking by assistant Australia B coach John Margaritis may have averted a walk-off by touring Greek team Iraklis in its match at Lang Park last week.

Amid wild scenes and heated verbal exchanges only 12 minutes into the second half, Margaritis became the mediator between Brisbane referee Alan Kibbler, the Australians and the emotional Greeks.

Iraklis coach Telis Batakis had called his players to the sideline after fullback George Orfanidis was shown the red card for an alleged dangerous tackle on "B" team midfielder Richard Miranda.

Miranda was taken to hospital after the incident and X-rays revealed a bone flake had been chipped off his ankle. He was also joined at the hospital by John O'Shea who had a shin injury.

On the park the situation raged almost out of control for nearly five minutes and stunned the small crowd comprising mostly Greeks.

But it was Margaritis who (helped restore order, and Kibbler decided not to send off Orfanidis after all.

Until then, Kibbler had been prepared to stand by his decision to oust Orfanidis over his foul on Miranda.

Iraklis claimed it had been a 50-50 ball.

"I was prepared to let them walk off. I would have, only for an Australian official (Margaritis) approaching me in a bid to salvage the situation," Kibbler said.

Although Batakis claimed later he had only called his players to the sideline "to cool off", Queensland Soccer Federation officials, who raced onto the field, said later they had no doubts at the time that a walk-off was imminent.

The incident brought to a head the ill-feeling which cruelled the game.

Kibbler repeatedly had warned players on both sides for wild tackles in the first half.

Football went by the board and the only real goalscoring opportunity fell to the free-running Jim Patikas who fired a low shot to the bottom right-hand corner but Blagoj Georgiev turned the attempt around the post.

Australia "B" coach Eddie Thomson was bitterly disappointed with his players, who he said had forgotten their own game in the face of pressure.

"All the good work we had achieved in the past weeks went to waste. Under pressure we are not half the team we can be," Thomson said.

"They were there for the taking, but we played badly."



Ricky Rosso

You are going to get kicked in international football and we showed a real lack of experience by letting our game go as a result."

Thomson didn't mince words either over the tackle on Miranda.

"Diabolical, you go to jail for tackles like that," he said.

Ironically, it was after the flare-up that both sides played their best football.

Ace striker Vasil Hatzipanagis finally showed the dribbling skills that have made him a household name in Greece and on one occasion taunted the Australians as he shielded the ball.

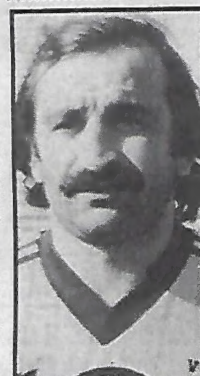


Man of the Match: TONY HENDERSON (Australia B)

Youngster Dimitrios Adamou, who replaced Orfanidis, gave Iraklis speed in attack and was unlucky not to get a penalty in the 90th minute.

Ten minutes later, Adamou put a volley over the top when he had the goal at his mercy. Jeff Oliver, given a run ahead of youngster Tony Franken, was badly out of position, a fault he showed on a number of occasions through the game.

But generally, the Australian defence countered whatever the Greeks tried and captain Tony Henderson was outstanding in the centre of the park. He totally dominated the smaller Iraklis players in the air and made numerous key tackles.



George Orfanidis

Patikas had an opportunity to steal a win for the Australians in the final minute but hit his shot far too soft. But Georgiev turned it into a real goal chance with the most casual of saves that saw him almost palm the ball into the top corner before grasping it again.



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AUSTRALIA A 2 (Cant 51st, Yankos pen. 85th) JUVENTUS 4 (Boniek 7th, 81st. & 88th., Rossi 48th) at Football Park, Adelaide, crowd 20,879. Cautions: Cabrini (J), Boniek (J). Referee: Don Campbell 5.

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Juventus: Tacconi 8 — Caricola 8, Scirea 8, Brio 7, Cabrini 7 — Tardelli 7 (Furino 67th), Vignola 7 (Prandelli 67th), Bonini 8, Boniek 9 — Koetting 8 (Tavola 67th), Rossi 7. Coach: Giovanni Trapattoni.

Never before had a national coach adopted such a daring, audacious approach to a game against world-class opposition. Frank Arok made five changes to the team that had drawn 1-1 with Juventus, in contrast, used only one, Paolo Rossi, most of the time. Zbigniew Boniek, who scored three, operated from midfield.

Arok had announced three separate strategies before the series against Juventus started in Melbourne. In the first game, he said, the Socceroos would try to play the same game as Juventus. In the second, weight of numbers was to be applied on Juventus's defence, and in the last, at the SCG last Saturday, Australia was to try to harass Juventus off its game.

The presence of so many attacking players — who also dropped back and closed down — enabled Australia to keep Juventus pinned in defence for almost the entire second half, and send countless crosses raining into the penalty area, mainly from Alan Davidson.

After Jim Cant had scored, and the scoreline read 2-1, Australia had ample chances to draw the match. It was only in the last nine minutes that the Socceroos became suckers. Juventus was waiting patiently for breaks, and Boniek accepted his opportunities gleefully when the Australian defenders abandoned their positions in the mad scramble to attack.

Arok's four-pronged forward line unfortunately lacked a clinical finisher like Boniek. John Kosmina in the middle, lacked the speed and mobility to threaten the calm, professional Juventus attack. Marshall Soper and David Mitchell were the most dangerous of the four attackers but both saw promising shots deflected past for corners. Mitchell was the focal point of most of the crosses during the second half.

The old adage that attack is the best form of defence held true for Australia for much of the game. With four attacking players strung out across the field, Australia defied Juventus to make even the slightest mistake in defence. To counter the four forwards, the Juventus defenders had to limit their forward movements, meaning the Italians weren't able to attack with as many men as it would have liked. And that meant Australia was able to get away with having only one recognised midfielder, Jim Cant, supported by Alan Davidson who once again was Australia's star performer.

Well, they got away with it for most of the game, anyway.

It would have worked better had Graham Jennings not been forced by injury, to withdraw from the match. He provides on the left the running power and the crosses that Davidson provides on the right. But



Laurie Schwab

Man of the Match:
ZBIGNIEW BONIEK
(Juventus)

Jennings's replacement, Alex Robertson of Sydney Hakoah, is a sweeper who can't do the left-back job as well as Jennings can.

Steve O'Connor took over from David Ratcliffe as the marker for Paolo Rossi, leaving Ratcliffe without an opponent most of the time. He put a lot of effort and a lot of zest into pushing forward, and he should have scored with a diving header while unmarked at the far post, but in the final analysis, he should have been back in the defence when Juventus — or rather Boniek — counter-attacked with such devastating effect.

Cant in midfield continues to be the revelation of the series. Possessing the same grit and hunger as the other Socceroos, Cant also is shrewd on the ball and has a high level of skill. What's more, he can play midfield, full back or sweeper.

Juventus had hoped to use Claudio Gentile at right back, but injury kept him out once more. Again, it was Nicola Caricola who played in that position — and he emerged as one of Juventus's stars.

Giovanni Koetting came into the team in place of Domenico Penzo, and like Caricola, Koetting had an excellent match until he, Marco Tardelli and Bendiamino Vignola all were substituted in the 67th minute — presumably because fresh legs were needed to match Australia's running.

Gaetano Scirea shone as usual in his libero's role. The number in Australia's attack prevented him from taking chances, so he chose not to attack as often as usual, and used his talents defensively instead.

Massimo Bonini put on a powerful, hard-tackling midfield performance, but the star of course was Boniek. Goalkeeper Tacconi also had a decisive effect on the match, as he made many fine saves — especially from Soper in the first half.

As had been the case in Melbourne, however, Tacconi should have had a penalty awarded against him. In Melbourne, he had punched Soper. This time, he floored Soper by diving at the forward's legs.

And Boniek escaped a send-off as he had in Melbourne. This time it was Davidson whom Boniek punched — right in front of referee Don Campbell who did no more than show him the yellow card. In Melbourne, you will remember, Boniek punched Watson. Whether either incident was provoked is beside the point, for the rules state that such violent retaliation demands a send-off.

The match was preceded by Scottish bagpipe music from a kilted band, which seemed completely inappropriate for a match between Australians and Italians. "Ti Amo Juventus" signs were prominent in the crowd.

But Soper gave the Italian fans a fright in the 6th minute, as he brought down an inspired long ball from Ratcliffe, inside the penalty area. Unfortunately for Australia, Soper fumbled momentarily and the defence found time to block his shot.

The first goal followed almost immediately. Boniek took a pass from Koetting. Yankos tried to slide — tackle the ball away from Boniek who nevertheless, ran through and buried the ball past Greedy.



• Australia's four-man attack in Adelaide, from left: Soper, Mitchell, Farina and Kosmina.

Disaster threatened again two minutes later, when Greedy failed to hold a cross from Tardelli. It went out to Vignola who cut it square, looking for Koetting to put it away, but Yankos cleared powerfully.

Australia kept driving forward through Davidson on the right flank, and in a move started by him, the ball travelled via Farina and Robertson to Soper who got his foot to it, but sent it just wide for the post.

It was a heart-stopping moment for Australia when Soper shot from a slight angle in the 17th minute, and watched in anguish as the ball, deflected by Tacconi, trickled only centimetres past the far post.

Tacconi also held a drive by Mitchell, who had been set up by Davidson's cross, and at the other end, Greedy changed position at the last moment to get down to a deflected shot from Koetting who had been set up by Rossi.

Soper went down hurt after going up for a towering header, and as he ran past the bench he said: "I'm in trouble." He remained in pain for the rest of the game, but carried on gallantly nevertheless.

Davidson, continuing to make the play in midfield, was chopped down by Boniek who doesn't at all mind dishing out the rough stuff. The free kick, taken by Cant, caused problems galore in the Juventus defence, with Farina, Robertson, Kosmina and Ratcliffe threatening the goal.

Down by a goal at half time, Australia was still well in it, but things started to look bleak when Rossi scored only three minutes after half time. Boniek crossed from the left, and Rossi belted it in on the right. 2-0.

Mitchell restored Australia's hopes in the 50th minute. He challenged Tacconi for a cross from Davidson, it fell for him, he turned and shot from five metres, but the ball deflected off a defender for a corner.

Soon after, Mitchell drove in another promising shot. The defence failed to clear, a goal still seemed likely, but Caricola desperately cleared it off the line.

A goal had to come, and it did only a minute later, when Farina darted past a defender on the left, cut inside, and squared the ball to Cant who first-timed it high into the net from close range to make the score 2-1.

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Polish World Cup star Zbigniew Boniek refutes claims his lifestyle has changed dramatically since joining Juventus.

Boniek, 27, joined the Fiat-backed club in 1982 after leading his country to third place in the World Cup in Spain.

The red-haired Pole spent his early years with modest Polish first division side Widzew Lodz.

But when Juventus came up with an offer he could not refuse, Boniek took his wife and daughter Carolina to Italy.

Juventus reportedly has paid Boniek \$500,000 in wages and bonuses this year — on top of the house and luxury car it gave him as a signing-on "present."

But the fiery Pole said his lifestyle had not changed since moving south.

"No way," he said in broken Italian. "We are not as rich as some people make out and, besides, I was well looked after in Poland."

"We are still living the same way — the only thing which has changed in our house is the cooking."

"I joined Juventus for one reason — to play in a great side, with which I have a far better chance of winning international competitions."

Boniek, although having played against Porto last month in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup, said his greatest moment in Italian football had not yet come.

"My biggest thrill will come next year if we win the European Cup," he said.

Juventus earned the right to have yet another crack at the trophy which has eluded it for many years by winning the 1984 domestic title — its 21st.

The Zebras have taken part in the competition many times but invariably failed to inscribe their name on the prestigious trophy. Twice they reached the final but first Ajax Amsterdam outplayed them in Belgrade in 1972 and last year Hamburg outmanoeuvred them in Athens.

Perhaps 1985, Liverpool permitting, could be their lucky year.

And the explosive Boniek might just be the man to realise their dream.

— PHILIP MICALLEF



Zbigniew Boniek (right) confronts Socceroo star Alan Davidson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



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"After all, it's our players who provide the national squads. We know if a player is injured there is no compensation."

"We cop this, we cop hopelessly long periods without income. But only once, never again."

"Initially the NSL looked like being compensated, and then got nothing."

Perkins said he was convinced that soccer had not heard the last of the NSL's claim for just financial consideration in future international series.

"I think they've earned it," Perkins said.

"To end on a positive note, let me reiterate that soccer was the winner from the current series."

"We proved to the world what we in soccer have always known — that we can play soccer that we are no longer second or third raters."

"We also proved the massive contribution the National League has made to lift the game's standards in Australia over the past six or seven years."

Gouloupoulos said the Soccer players had to realise that their loyalty should lie with their clubs first. "Players were told not to report to national team training camps, yet they turned up anyway," he said, referring to the NSL's short-lived boycott of the international series.

"What's the point of countless meetings at which we declare that united we stand, divided we fall, when afterwards, we go out as paper tigers?"

He said "paid servants" had too much say in determining the destiny of NSL clubs, and that the sorry tale of financial disasters due to mid-week Cup games and postponed matches stretched back to 1981.

Well done B's, MCG a winner

AUSTRALIA B 1 (Brown penalty 67th) IRAKLIS 1 (Papadopoulos 54th) at MCG, Sunday. Crowd: 18,300. Cautions: Crino, Lewis (Aust); Xanthopoulos (Iraklis). Referee: Spiers 7.

AUSTRALIA B: Franken 8, Henderson 7, Lewis 7 (inj. J. O'Shea 65th), Blair 6, M. O'Shea 7, Opasinis 6 — Katholos 6 (Patikas 82nd), Crino 7 — Egan 8, Cole 6, Brown 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson. IRAKLIS: Georgiev 8 — Mavridis 8, Firos 8, Pergaminos 8, Zifkas 6 — Xanthopoulos 8 (Mitosevic 75th), Papaianou 7, Galkatidis 6 — Adamou 7, Hatzipanagis 7 (Vrinias 82nd), Papadopoulos 7. Coach: Friedel Rauch.

So the national "B" team ended up with five draws and two losses in the World Soccer Series. Not bad.

Eddie Thomson's charges now are being compared, unfairly and unfavorably, with Frank Arok's "A" team.

Let's get a couple of things straight. Arok selected what he considered to be the best players available for each of his team's games. Charlie Egan has been in and out of the "B" team, so has Frank Farina, both at the whim of Arok.

Arok didn't experiment with players the way Thomson did. Indeed, the whole point of the "B" team exercise was to test "A" team possibilities. The whole point of the "A" team exercise was to get results.

If Thomson's priorities solely revolved around results, I'm positive that he wouldn't have used so many players, especially in the early games.

He would have consistently fielded a far more settled line-up and probably would have won a couple of games.

Right. Let's get something else straight. I'm a mug.

I canned the MCG without really giving it a go as a soccer venue.

I've watched the last two MCG games from the Australian bench.



Craig Mackenzie

I'm now convinced that you can play good soccer on the MCG surface, although it definitely is a bit too hard. Maybe that can be remedied in time for next year's World Soccer Series, which promises to be even more entertaining than what we've seen in the past few weeks. Liverpool and Real Madrid will ensure that.

Some said that Iraklis striker Vasil Hatzipanagis is the third best player in world soccer.

Rubbish! Hatzipanagis (big Peter Lewis calls him frangipani) flashed in and out of last Sunday's game. He played three or four superb balls but we've never seen him taking on players. And we've been told that he's something special on the ball, especially with his dribbling skills.

Still, he's got two more games here to make a liar out of me.

The Iraklis players who impressed me last Sunday were right back Panos Mayridis, sweeper George Firos, stopper Eyriss Pergaminos and midfielder Babis Xanthopoulos. Big goalkeeper Blagoj Georgiev also did well. He was carrying an injury so he elected to punch clear almost every high ball, rather than trying to grab and chance getting hit.

And striker Daniel Papadopoulos is pretty sharp. Charlie Egan was the pick of the Australians. He started out wide on the left then spent the second half wide on the right. What I liked about Egan was his give and go approach. He plays it simple and as soon as he parts with the ball, he's off in support.

The best chances of the first half fell to Papadopoulos and Doug Brown.

Hatzipanagis played a superb through ball to Papadopoulos in the 25th minute. Tony Franken, what a keeper he is and if he gets better he'll be really something special.

Man of the Match:
CHARLIE EGAN
(Australia B)

Brown should have given Australia the lead in the 38th minute. Chris Zifkas, who looked very ordinary at left back, gave the ball away to Oscar Crino inside his defensive third. Crino got forward then slipped a great through ball to Brown but, with Georgiev coming off his line, Brown struck the ball just wide of the far post.

Georgiev almost got caught out at his near post in the final minute of the first half. A short free kick just outside the Iraklis area, sent Egan clear on the right. Egan let fly and Georgiev had to parry wide. From the resultant corner, Steve Blair headed powerfully, but just too high.

Iraklis really came at the Australians early in the second half. Dimitrios Adamou blasted wide from 12 metres, Franken made a superb reflex save to deny Papadopoulos and a great run by Firos ended with Blair hooking the ball clear.

But Iraklis wouldn't be held at bay. It hit the front in the 54th minute as the Australian defence was caught too far forward and square. Papadopoulos broke through and hammered a low drive from 18 metres just past Franken's fingers and inside the near post.

The game really was alive now. So was the crowd.

Referee Spiers booked Crino in the 56th minute then booked Lewis in the 88th minute. Lewis had won the ball with a great tackle. Spiers saw it differently. He was wrong.

Then a magic ball from Egan almost sent Crino through but Mayridis was there to slide in and block.

Iraklis supporters weren't happy when Spiers awarded a penalty against Firos in the 67th minute.

I'm told that many Greek journalists based in Melbourne also were unhappy. God knows why. If they were doing their job and letting their heads rule their hearts, rather than the reverse, they would clearly have seen Firos clawing at Gary Cole's back to try and use the big striker as a step-ladder from which to head clear.

Brown sent Georgiev the wrong way from the penalty spot and it was 1-1.

Brown almost put Australia ahead in the 73rd minute with a cracking drive which clipped the bar, then Crino blew a free header at the near post.

A good run by Adamou was wasted by substitute Dusan Mitosevic, who headed over. That was in the 76th minute. Five minutes later Cole missed the best chance of the match.

Brown sent over a great ball from the left. Crino challenged



Australia's Gary Cole soars high above Michael Galatis or Iraklis to head goalward at the MCG last Sunday. Picture by BRUCE POSTLE.

in the air with Georgiev and the ball fell to Cole, just four metres out. With the goal at his mercy, he skied his first time shot. To be fair, the ball fell fractionally behind Cole, who tried to hammer it on the turn. Nevertheless, he should

have scored what surely would have been the winner.

In the final minute, Jim Patikas, who had replaced Peter Katholos, let fly from the edge of the area. The ball was deflected fractionally over the far upright.

TANSEY SENT OFF!

Man of the Match:
SIMON BRANDT
(Newcastle R.)

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 1 (Brandt 71st) Footscray J.U.S.T. 0. At Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1368.

NEWCASTLE: Geoling 7 — Malar 7, Power 7, Boogaardt 8, Thompson 8 — Kerby 7, Senkalski 7, Brandt 8 — Mitosevic 8, Todd 8, Jones 7. Coach: Willie Gallagher. J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — McDowell 8, Kyriakoulas 7, Tansey 7 (sent off 71st), Hazlebert 6 — Curovic 6, Karic 6 (O'Donnell 55th, 71), Belic 8 — Lacmanovic 7 (Caban 55th, 71), Paton 6, Lujic 7. Coach: Cedo Cirkovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Brandt (N), 5. Boogaardt (N), 4. McDowell (F), 3. Belic (F), 2. Mitosevic (N), 1. Senkalski (N).

The sending off of Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Jim Tansey and an enterprising display from the young Newcastle Rosebud side

highlighted the home team's 1-0 win last weekend. The breakthrough did not come until well into the second half when Simon Brandt headed in a Dino Mitosevic corner after Dennis Boland had come out and missed the ball. Up till then Boland had handled everything that came his way confidently and looked untroubled from high balls.

However, that was not the only misfortune for J.U.S.T. After the ball was retrieved from the net and the players

were making their way to the Centre, Tansey clashed with Bernard Kerby, right under Referee Jim Reeves' nose. The ref had no hesitation producing the red card and Tansey was sent off for the first time in his long and distinguished career.

The local team took advantage of the gaps appearing in the 10-man J.U.S.T. side but although Newcastle created several more chances, it was unable to capitalise on them.

J.U.S.T. also had chances. Early in the second half, Kyri Kyriakoulas had his header cleared off the line and Jamie Paton shot well wide of the post when well placed.

But the match never really reached great heights.

— JOE LANZONI

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If Eamonn Bannon's guest game stint with Falkner in the Victorian State League passed without even a press murmur, it wouldn't worry him in the slightest.

So what if one of the Falkner players at Monterey Boulevard last Saturday happened to be Dundee United's record signing.

So what if that same player has played with Hearts and Chelsea and has been capped six times for Scotland?

Eamonn Bannon, like brothers Vince, Paddy and Ged, is easy going. But just as shrewd when it comes to talking football.

What have you got to say about the inconsistency of Scotland in world football, Eamonn?

"I don't know what the problem is," says the 26 year old.

But you've played for your country. You must have opinions about where problems lie and how they should be solved.

"I won't be drawn into comment on that subject."

Let's try a different tack.

How did playing in England affect your game?

"My game never changed. Anyway I wasn't there very long."

I'm starting to stumble and fumble for questions.

This is your second trip here, Eamonn. You first came here in 1978 to play with Frankston City.

"Actually, this is the third time I've been here and it was in 1979 that I played with Frankston. Martin Peters was here at the time and we played two games together then he had to leave. I played another two games after that."

"I first came here in 1978 on holiday. I was with Hearts at the time and they wouldn't release me to play here."

Now tell me truthfully, Eamonn, why is Scotland inconsistent?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Eamonn Bannon

Okay, let's look at your football background. How did it all start?

"The usual way. I played my way up through the ranks. I was playing juvenile when Hearts signed me in 1977 but they were struggling and ended up getting relegated that season. John Hart was the manager at the time, then Willie Ormond took over. He's the man who sold me to Chelsea."

Why did Hearts sell you?

"They needed the money. They had big financial problems then. They're starting to get over them now. Actually there's only two or three clubs in Scotland who are financially sound. Rangers and Aberdeen are the best in that regard. Rangers probably are the most financial club in Britain. They've got their own pools and they're making about \$3,500,000 a year on them. Aberdeen have produced good players and sold them for big money, guys like Archibald, Strachan and McGhee."

And your own club, Dundee United?

"We've only got about \$120,000 to \$140,000 to spend on buying players each season."

But Dundee United bought you from Chelsea for \$300,000 in October, 1979.

"United had just sold Ray Stewart to West Ham for big money, so they could afford to pay that kind of money for me."

Did you regard your leaving Chelsea as a failure?

"No. Not a failure. It was an experience. Chelsea's a big club with a big support. I was only part time at Hearts but at Chelsea, of course, I was full time."

So why did you leave?

"Geoff Hurst took over as manager and my face just didn't fit. Actually the Dundee United thing just came out of the blue."

What about comparing Scottish and English football?

"Well, the good Premier League sides are every bit as good as the English sides. Scottish football is all hustle, bustle and chase. The problems with Scottish football are falling attendances and the violence which has crept into the terraces. Remember too, that you're battling the elements all the time in Scotland. People won't get out of their armchairs unless they know that they're going to be entertained."

The whole image of football has changed. It'll never be what it used to be. There are too many other sports nowadays."

You're a professional. Does football consume your life?

"Yes, I suppose it does. It's literally the best job in the world when you're doing it. I suppose some players find it hard if they don't like training but I've always enjoyed training. I enjoy being fit."

If you're playing regularly, you don't train hard. It's when you're not playing that you train hard. We get absolutely pummeled during our pre-season training. It's running, running and more running. You do a bit of ball work but not much."

What are the highs and lows of your career with Dundee United so far?

"Well, my first year there we won the League Cup. That was the first thing I'd ever won. The major disappointment was a UEFA Cup game against the Yugoslav team Radnicki Nis, in either 1981 or 1982. We hammered them 2-0 at home. It could have been seven or eight. Then we had an absolute nightmare against them over there. We lost 3-0. What really hurt is that they were a very poor side. I don't mind so much getting beaten by good sides but they were garbage."

You've got three brothers over here, all playing and all settled in Australia. Any thoughts about joining them on a more permanent basis?

"My brothers have a good standard of living in Australia and I enjoy a good standard of living in Scotland. I like living in Scotland and I like playing with Dundee United. Everything over there is familiar and I'm settled there."

I've got no thoughts about settling down here. But that's today. Things change."

When do you go back home?

"I'm only here for a couple more weeks. Dundee United is off to Germany on July 20 to play six games as part of our build-up for the new Scottish season."

I'd love to be a fly on the wall when the Bannan brothers get together and talk football."

I wonder why Scotland is so inconsistent. Is it because of team selection? Is Jock Stein a bad manager? Are the players organised? Are they coached? Do they really give their all?

I'll probably never know.

Rangers our toughest opponents

Cooper dazzles, Wooddin back

By PAUL MOON

NEW ZEALAND XI 0 GLASGOW RANGERS 3 (McPherson 35th, MacDonald 42nd, I. Ferguson 61st) at Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland. Crowd about 8,000. Referee W. Munro 7.

NEW ZEALAND XI: van Hattum 8 — Crosswell 5, Herbert 6, Garland 7, Mackay 6 (agan 73rd) — Booth 6, Harris 6 (Helford 45th, 71), Simonsen 5 (Evans 73rd), Turner 6 — Walker 6, Wooddin 6, Coach Allan Jones.

GLASGOW RANGERS: McCloy 6 (Walker 85th) — McKinnon 8, Dawson 7, McLelland 8, Peterson 6 — Redford 5 (Russell 45th, 71), McCaig 5 (Munro 45th, 6), McPherson 7 (Burns 73rd) — MacDonald 8, Clark 6 (I. Ferguson 45th, 71), Cooper 8 (I. Ferguson 61st). Coach Jock Wallace.

Glasgow Rangers showed far greater sophistication, particularly in midfield, to beat a New Zealand XI emphatically enough, but the Kiwis produced sufficient to suggest that they have the foundations of a team to test both Australia and Israel.

Of greatest interest to the home fans was the form of Steve Wooddin, returning to international football after a year's absence, and the four newcomers Bill Harris, Colin Walker, Paul Halford and Kevin Hagan.

Wooddin, understandably rusty, showed occasional flashes of his best form. Walker was elusive and created space well and Halford's long runs from deep midfield caused Rangers some moments of anxiety.

Harris, though accomplished in defence, looked lost when trying to support his forwards as he does in club football, and Hagan did not have time to make any mark.

Although play moved from end to end, the Scots always appeared the more dangerous, yet had to wait until the 35th minute before opening their account — and then with a goal completely out of the blue.

A long through ball by McLelland seemed harmless enough, but found the Kiwi defence flat-footed and it was McPherson who first realised the possibilities, sprinting through a large gap, beating the onrushing van Hattum at the edge of the penalty area and then netting coolly.

MacDonald and McPherson both forced excellent saves from van Hattum within a minute before Cooper, whose influence was growing minute by minute, beat three defenders on a mazy dribble, then released MacDonald with an astute pass: van Hattum got his hands to the shot, but could not keep it out.

New Zealand finished the half on a defiant note, with Turner beating two defenders to a long Garland cross, but heading over.

Iain Ferguson's presence gave Rangers further impetus during the second period and he ended a tenacious run by rapping van Hattum's crossbar in the 48th minute.

New Zealand however was losing its way. Ball after ball was pumped in the air towards Wooddin and Walker, though Rangers' defence won virtually every heading duel. Only on the deck did the Kiwis have any penetration.

In contrast, Ferguson had the appearance of a top rank all-round striker and it was he who claimed goal number three, picking up a loose ball inside the penalty area, manoeuvring himself into a shooting position and slotting a powerful shot beyond van Hattum.

Wooddin momentarily came to life with a 30 yard blockbuster, but McCloy always had it well covered. Halford also caused stirs of excitement when running purposefully goalward, yet it was van Hattum who starred for the Kiwis in the closing stages, denying Russell, Dawson, Burns and Patterson.

Despite the scoreline, Allan Jones has reason to feel a lot happier than upon his return from Singapore.

Forest, Iraklis disappointing

Glasgow Rangers were the only really fair dinkum side the national "B" team played against.

Believe you me, Rangers meant business all the way. They always went out with a win-at-all-costs attitude and you could tell that players really were trying hard to keep their positions from game to game. That's how competitive they were.

Jock Wallace, their tough disciplinarian got his players to give 100 per cent all the time and after talking to some of the Rangers boys I found out that there's no mucking about with big Jock. Or else!

Rangers have some really fine players, none better than Dave Cooper, surely one of the best left wingers in Britain. He beats players as if they're not there.

Big Dave McPherson is another who impressed me. He's a key member of the side because of outstanding ball-winning ability in midfield. He's tall, he tackles like a demon and he's good in the air.

Ally McCaig and Bobby Russell also impressed me.

Rangers' style of play is a lot different to that of Juventus or Iraklis. Rangers close you down early, not allowing you much time on the ball, and they break quickly, getting players forward in drives.

They're a really fit outfit. A lot of people say that Scottish sides are fit and hard but you don't realise just how fit they are until you play against them.

If you keep giving the ball away against Rangers you end up gasping for air as you try to recover.

The "B" squad really has settled down well. We had close results against Rangers and really, these games could have gone either way. In Brisbane, we played our best 45 minutes of soccer so far and we should have been three goals up at half time.

Overall, the lads in the "B" side have performed really well and we've learned a lot from playing against overseas teams.

Shock for Iraklis

Although Iraklis finished third in the Greek First Division this year, in our game up in Brisbane last week it was patently obvious just how poor the standard of soccer in Greece is.

Iraklis simply doesn't compare with Glasgow Rangers.

The Greeks thought that they'd come here for an exhibition and to show us how to play. Boy, did they get a shock!

We Aussies don't rate with the Iraklis players but I'm willing to bet that when they leave these shores with their tails between their legs, they'll take with them a lot of praise for Australian players.

Forest not much chop

How on earth did Nottingham Forest finish third in the English First Division this year?

God only knows. For they didn't impress me one bit when we drew 0-0 with them in Sydney.

Actually, that match was a bit of an anti-climax after the national "A" team's thrilling 1-1 draw with Juventus at the MCG the day before.

There were just 3,000 people

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much on the bench and he certainly gives the referees a lot of stick. Deservedly so, I might add.

The refereeing during this world series has been a big disappointment.

And don't forget the role played by Eddie's assistant, John Margaritis who has, at all times, added his astute soccer brain and his friendly manner to the preparation of the "B" team.

Although the Press said that the match was a bore, we deserve credit for a fine result.

At the time of writing, we had four draws and lost just two games. We'll have played Iraklis at the MCG by the time you read this but I'm certain that we'll win. I've never been more confident.

We've played good sides and we've done pretty well for a "B" team, as we are called.

It would have been great to have played against Juventus and Manchester United but we couldn't do that now, could we?

We surely couldn't have allowed people to start comparing players from the "A" and "B" teams. Or could we?

A plug for Eddie, John

One thing I discovered on this tour is just what a good coach Eddie Thomson is. I never knew him or his methods but now it doesn't surprise me one bit that under Eddie, Sydney Hakooh has enjoyed so much success.

There's just so much variety in Eddie's training sessions and you're always in game situations with a lot of pressing involved.

In fact, Eddie's sessions have been so good that they always seem to finish too quickly.

And his communication with his players, both on and off the field, has been excellent.

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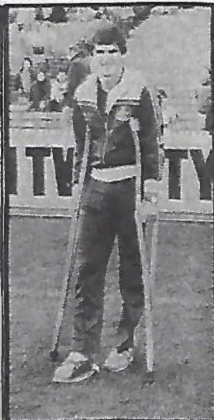
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Charlie Egan (centre) stumbles between Eyris Pergaminos (left) and Dimitrios Adamou at the MCG. The match finished at 1-1.



Australia's Richard Miranda on crutches after being injured in the 0-0 draw with Iraklis in Brisbane.



Iraklis captain Vasilis Hatzipanagis spears a pass forward to his strikers. Picture by BRUCE POSTLE



Iraklis, from left, standing: Chris Zifkas, George, Firos, Michael Galatidis, Blagoj Georgiev, Babis Xanthopoulos, Eyris Pergaminos. Front: Dimitrios Adamou, Daniel Papadopoulos, Lakis Papaioannou, Panos Mavridis, Vasilis Hatzipanagis. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Iraklis midfielder Michael Galatidis receives treatment after injuring a shoulder at the MCG.



The captains shake hands before the game between Iraklis and Australia B: Vasilis Hatzipanagis (left) and Tony Henderson.



Doug Brown runs into the back of Iraklis sweeper George Firos. Picture: LES SHORROCK.



Nicola Caricola (left) drags Frank Farina down by the collar to stop the Australian striker from scoring in Australia's 2-0 victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Ennio Cabrini is escorted by official Kevin after being sent off in Juventus 0-2 loss in Sydney.



Alex Robertson, playing his first match for Australia 'A', is tackled by Roberto Tavola.



Marco Tardelli (left) and Nicola Caricola (centre) converge on Marshall Soper in Juventus's 4-2 victory in Adelaide. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.



Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni (left) met up with his nephew Silvio Micely in Adelaide. Next to young Silvio is the great Dino Zoff.

0/28 to go national

The proposed international series involving perhaps Real Madrid and Liverpool next year, will have a much larger TV audience if it is played in July.

For on July 1, Channel 0/28 expands its operations to Adelaide, Brisbane, Newcastle and Wollongong.

One year later, it will also go to Darwin, Hobart and Perth, making it a truly national network.

Already, Channel 0/28 has expanded to Canberra, Cooma and Goulburn.

If the international series were to coincide with Channel 0's expansion, what a great way to bring soccer to a whole new audience!

The Channel's contribution to the sport has never been greater than this year. It has shown most of the world series both live and in replay, and it continues with its popular features "Match of the Day," the Friday night "International Sports Magazine" and "On the Ball."

Executive producer for sport, John Rowley and his staff, also are planning a coverage of the Socceroos' world tour at the end of the year.



Paolo Rossi waits for the ball, as Charlie Yankos (right) comes in to foil him.



Giovanni Koetting who scored the equaliser in the 1-1 draw with Australia A in Melbourne.

Brennan in reserves!

Roos Brown shot to the top of the goalscoring list in NSW after his penalty goal helped to down Inter Monaro at Hurstville Oval last Sunday.

In fact it looked like just another draw before Domazetovic helped himself to a Rockdale shirt inside his own Penalty area and Manny Loupis, the referee, had no hesitation in awarding a penalty to Ilinden.

Brown sent Michael Hocking the wrong way to make it 1-0 and with only minutes remaining Inter Monaro couldn't recover.

Manly Warringah, not as cool as you might like, struggled against Bankstown and failed to score during the opening 45 minutes.

Jim McBreen from Wollongong, Manly's newest acquisition in its quest for the championship paid off in the opening stages of the second half. A McBreen pass found its way to Mark Holloway for Manly's first goal in the 52nd minute.

Bobby Pagano, an outstanding buy from Croatia, continued to impress with yet another solo effort, this time resulting in his first goal for the season to give the Seaside a fairly good "cushion" of two goals.

Bankstown came back after a fine move by Jemal Meerabani who found Hassan to score from close range and it was all open yet again, with Bankstown just as hungry as the home side.

And in the end it was McBreen who made the difference by stealing the ball to supply the pass for Steve Leak to score.

In third place is Rockdale and the fourth, still on goal average is Sutherland.

The Sharks were at it again, scoring two goals from midfield with Mark Harrington getting both but the problem of the forward line remains acute. Only two goals to date have been scored by the forwards.

Just out of four and on the same points as Sutherland is Auburn-Uruguay. Despite some drastic cuts in wages at Auburn, mainly due to some lack of funds from its Uruguay connection, the Auburn outfit remained undefeated for the 10th straight game.

With the exception of Ku-Ring-Gai, the rest of the League seemed to be dragging the chain.

This State League certainly needs a few more men like Vic Dalgleish, Richard Alagich or Lobo Gokovic to set this com-

petition alight. And while Alagich is at the top of the table and Gokovic claims that the League can be won with the team which he is guiding at Mona Park, it is interesting to hear from Dalgleish that all those teams are just "ordinary".

Well, that's it for the top four contenders. As for the rest it looks like a long season, with Polonia certainly the mystery team, capable of anything, while Yugal and Avala look like staying where they are for the rest of the year. As for Bankstown and Warringah it is going to be touch and go.

Ku-Ring-Gai 2 Polonia 0

Scorers: Jeffery 73rd, Harper 87th.

Venue: Parklands Oval
Vic Dalgleish is not afraid to use replacements from the junior ranks, with his "super subs" making quite a name for Ku-Ring-Gai.

Neil Hunter came on against Avala and scored the goal which decided the game in Ku-Ring-Gai's favor. Andrew Harper came on as an 87th minute substitute against Warringah and scored a winner, then in this last outing for Ku-Ring-Gai it was the turn of Neil Williamson (his brother Ashley Williamson is playing at fullback with Manly).

After spending most of his time on the bench in the second grade fixtures, Williamson did not expect to see his promotion to first grade come so fast, but after a three-goal spree in the previous round in the second grade, Vic Dalgleish felt obliged to give this youngster a go and he made short work of his appearance in top grade — yet another goal to the newcomers.

Polonia was expected to do much better in this match, but failed miserably with Ku-Ring-Gai never extended.

Dalgleish can smile about his fortunes. Four rounds ago he was at the bottom of the table and "dead to the world", but he managed to pull out his beggones and play a tune which lifted his side to seventh place with 13 points, seven of which came out of the last four matches!

And while Jeffery and Harper made names for themselves in scoring goals it was



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

hard times for Craig Bass who earned his fourth yellow card to earn an automatic suspension for the match against Bankstown.

Avala 2 Inter Monaro 0

Scorers: 8th Williams, 12th Duvnjak, 72nd Trilias, 80th Hall.

Avala missed an ideal opportunity to defeat Inter Monaro after leading by two clear goals in the first half. Richie Williams hit the first after only eight minutes from a fine move by Gary Bateman. Then came Nikola Duvnjak with a brilliantly executed free kick which should have sealed this match.

Bankstown came back through Angelo Trilias with 17 minutes remaining, then Craig Hall, after years of absence, got himself on the scoring sheet to put the Berries on equal terms with Avala.

For Avala it was Duvnjak who displayed his crafts with superb authority while Canterbury replied through some surprise moves, spurred on by the return of Xipolitas on the bench.

Injuries to Budini and Duvnjak added to Avala's problems and it was felt that had those two players stayed on the park, the winner would most probably have come from Fairfield.

Sutherland 3 Warr. Narabeen 1

Should the present scoring efforts continue, it will be a unique record in the League, for of Sutherland's 19 goals to date only two were scored by attackers, the rest coming from midfield of defensive combinations.

Mark Harrington, the captain of the side, came in with the right recipe when he blasted his shot past the bewildered Peter Dean and John Garrett in the 30th minute.

Harrington added another after some 70 minutes with a well-timed shot which dipped under the crossbar to surprise Peter Dean who felt that the ball was about to fly over the bar!

Billy Bullock cut Sutherland's advantage with a well taken Penalty but it was all too

late as Sutherland ended any hopes for the visitors with a fine goal by Gray in the dying seconds.

Rock Ilinden 1 Inter Monaro 0

Scorer: Brown 81st Pen. Roos Brown powered his way to the top of the State League scoring charts with his penalty goal which knocked Inter Monaro, off the top of the table.

Domazetovic was the culprit as Brown strode through to face Hocking. Manuel Lupis, the referee, had no hesitation in awarding a penalty which decided the issue. Brown sent Hocking the wrong way and Rockdale was on the way to getting two comfortable points.

Darren and Geoff Wilson showed some unusual strength at the back with Paul Degney, the uncompromising fighter, showing the way. It was unusual that Billy Pilovski rarely showed the same courage.

As for the visitors, they had Tony Brennan in the reserves! They also had Giampaolo on the bench. Well, if Vic Fernandez decided that Giampaolo should sit on the bench, it is fine with me! The only thing I would like to have seen is Djordjeviski, the man who played the first 45 minutes, staying on the Park a few minutes longer.

He looked in good touch on the left flank and gave Pilovski some headaches, but for some strange reason Djordjeviski was replaced and the whole thing turned sour.

For Ilinden it was hard to accept that its midfield is still playing poorly, while Inter must be unhappy with its own decision to leave Brennan out of this match.

Auburn/Uruguay 1 Yugal 0

Scorer: Banalas 66th

Auburn continues to impress with its no-nonsense style. Daniel Banalas, Auburn's 28-year-old striker, amends for the misses of the previous week, by beating Berry in the 66th to give the Mona Park crowd its fifth success of the season and Auburn yet another chance to challenge for the top four.

It must now be obvious that this club is going to make a bid no matter what, following its

midweek meeting with players. Despite the fact that money has become a temporary problem, all plans are decided to honor their positions with Auburn and continue to play.

The problem which surrounds Auburn has not come overnight. Auburn's maligned community at the start of the season. One would have thought that the same community — so intent on supporting soccer — would come in droves to support the side. If you add to it the fact that Auburn switched its green and gold for the Uruguayan blue and black it should have been not just an incentive but imperative for the Uruguayans to go to the matches.

However, to date, with the exception of players and their closest — and I mean closest (sometimes just a single relative) — very few Uruguayans venture to Auburn games.

For that reason, I believe that Auburn should return to its original colors. Not only will you wear the best colors Australia can offer, but also, you'll give your players the chance to see each other in the dull wintery weather.

Well, for all the problems surrounding Auburn, it was Yugal, my old club, that looked lethargic while Auburn always remained in charge. In fact had Auburn scored from two good opportunities midway through the first half, Auburn would have won more comfortably.

Kelly, the captain, looked at ease, while the rest looked set to swamp Yugal as Auburn came away from its tenth match in a row undefeated!

Manly/Warringah 3 Bankstown/National 1

Scorers: 52nd Holloway, 57th Pagano, 74th Meerabani, 80th Leak.

Venue: Cromer Park. Manly marched into top spot with this lightning win.

The fact that Manly was not doing so well was shown in its struggle close to the end of this match when Meerabani pulled one goal back.

Following a foul on McBreen it was Holloway who chested it down from a free kick to score. Bobby Pagano added another one only five minutes later and from then on it looked all over but for a short period following Meerabani's goal.

Steve Leak ended any hopes Bankstown might have had with a fine goal 10 minutes from time.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manly Warringah.....	7	4	0	24	5	18
Inter Monaro.....	7	3	2	39	17	17
Rockdale Ilinden.....	7	3	2	24	11	17
Sutherland.....	6	3	3	19	9	15
Auburn-Uruguay.....	5	5	2	11	9	15
Canterbury.....	4	5	3	14	18	13
Ku-Ring-Gai.....	4	3	5	17	22	11
Avala.....	3	3	6	19	29	9
Polonia.....	2	4	6	10	18	8
Yugal.....	1	5	6	12	19	7
Warr-Narabeen.....	2	2	7	13	25	6
Bankstown-National.....	2	2	8	11	30	6

This week:

SATURDAY

Parklands Oval: Ku-Ring-Gai — Bankstown-National

SUNDAY

Cromer Park: Manly/Warringah — Auburn/Uruguay

Marco Polo: Inter/Monaro — Sutherland

Hurstville Oval: Rockdale/Ilinden — Avala

Arlington: Canterbury — Polonia

Fraser Park: Yugal — Warringah/Narabeen

Top Scorers:

10. Ross Brown (Ilinden)

9. Valeri (IM), Holloway (IMW)

8. Milne (A)

6. O'Shane (Aub), Willox, Monterosso (IM), Jeffery (K), Leak (IMW), Grooms (IMW)

5. Sobczyk (P), McGrath (Y)

KURINGAI 2 Jeffery 73rd, Williamson 87th) POLONIA 0 at Parklands Oval.

KURINGAI: Prentice 7 — Bennett 7, Watson 7 (Harper 65th — 7), Bertram 7, Jansen 8 — Quigley 6, Bourke 7, Dene 8, Tracey 7 — Jeffery 8 (Williamson 83rd), Bass 7.

POLONIA: Barker 7 — Jordan 6, Fogarty 7, Galas 6, Pratt 5 — Divani 5 (78th Isherwood), Garlovski 7, m Lumsdaine 7, Nowak 7 — Sobczyk 6 (Anderson 70th), Kowalczyk 7.

AVALA 2 (Williams 8th, Duvnjak 12th), CANTERBURY 2 (Titles 71st, Hall 80th) at Knight Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Lucchesi 8, Budini 8 (Bonici 46th — 7), Mackenzie 6, Du Silva 6 — Duvnjak 8 (Barton 53rd — 8), Williams 7, Kodor 6 — Harris 5, Bateman (sent off 85th — 6), Milne 7.

CANTERBURY: El Zein 6 — Eftimiades 6, Anagnostopoulos 6, Laws 7, Titles 7 — Anagnostopoulos 7, Philippou 6 (Hall 6), Fernatis 6 — Petas 6, Dounis 5, Andreou 5.

ROCKDALE/ILINDEN 1 (Brown Pen.) INTER MONARO 0 at Hurstville Oval.

ROCKDALE/ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 9 — Pilovski 5, Degney 7, D. Wilson 6, G. Wilson 6 — Nastevski 5, Slavski 5, Youseph 5 — Karanfilovski 6, Brown 8, Jones 6.

INTER MONARO: Hocking 8 — Domazetovic 7, Frances 5, Ambrosino 7, Williams 5 — Willox 5, Farrell 6, Santolin 6 — Monterosso (78th Colbertaldo), Valeri 6, Djordjeviski 6 (Giampaolo 46th — 6).

AUBURN 1 (Banalas 66th) — YUGAL 0 at Mona Park.

AUBURN/URUGUAY: Rosano 7 — Kelly 9, Watt 7, Planinic 6, Geekie 7 — Parfitt 6, Akoutas 7, Knight 7 (McDermid 85th) — Carney 6, O'Shane 6 (84th Townson), Banalas 8.

YUGAL: Berry 6 — Mickovski 6, Forester 7, Gagic 8, Coldarevic 7 — Pahor 6, Marco 8, Rodas 7 — Morsello 7 (71st Jestic), Thamnides 7 (85th Zivkovic), Tanovski 5.

MANLY WARRINGAH 3 (Holloway 52nd, Pagano 57th, Leak 80th), BANKSTOWN/NATIONAL 1 (Hassan 74th) at Cromer Park.

MANLY/WARRINGAH: Cassettari 8 — Pagano 8, J. Dick 6, Doyle 7, Williamson 5 — Jones 6, Steven 6, Leak 6, McBreen 7 — Holloway 7, Stuart 7.

BANKSTOWN/NATIONAL: Lohmsan 7 — Kennedy 6 (65th Hassan), Agostino 6, Blackburn 7, Coates 8 — Ginc 7, Meerabani 7, Pavela 7, Dolton 5 — Hasnic 7, Apelian 6.

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Buffalo State League ladder	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER.....	9	2	1	33	16	20
POLONIA.....	7	4	1	29	13	18
MORWELL.....	7	4	1	20	6	18
BOX HILL.....	7	4	1	23	12	18
West Suburbs.....	6	2	4	26	23	14
Albion Rovers.....	4	4	4	11	15	12
Frank. Pines.....	4	3	5	12	16	11
Croydon.....	5	1	6	12	17	11
Knox City.....	4	3	5	15	23	11
Northcote.....	4	1	7	23	22	9
Ring. Wilhelmina.....	2	4	6	16	22	8
St Alb. Dinamo.....	1	5	6	10	20	7
Doveton.....	1	4	7	9	18	6
Broadmeadows.....	2	1	9	8	24	5

BOX HILL 2 (Hughes 52nd, Brownlie 80th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Morovic 3rd, Culina 87th) at Wembley Park, Saturday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 6, 1. Roodhouse, 7. Brooks, 6. Brownlie 7, A. Roodhouse 6, 5. Hughes 5, 5. White 5 (Azopardi 76th), Valentine 5, Keenan 5, Priestley 5, Smith 6, Coach: Bill Murray.
ST ALBANS DINAMO: Lack 7, Kusan 6, Radman 7, Bozic 6, Jurica 6 (Bruno 76th), Deac 6, Brkicjak 6, Mecanovic 6 (Nobilo 76th), Culina 7, Morovic 7, Batnovic 6, Coach: Peter Kasalo.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Brownlie (Box Hill), 2. Morovic (St. A.), 1. Hughes (Box Hill).

BROADMEADOWS 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Laura Douglas Reserve, Saturday.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 7, Smart 8, Donaldson 7, Daniels 8, Deas 8, — Watson 8, Stokes 8, Blair 8, Vaccaro 6, Mechuna 7, Umberto 7 (Inj. Roodhouse 65th), Coach: Jim McIntyre.
WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 6, — Borg 6, Dimovski 6, Howe 5, Lakkas 6, — Coyle 6, Kakantatos 5, Mussel 6, — Lazopoulos 7, Stenson 6, Filippis 6, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Daniels (Broad), 2. Stokes (Broad), 1. Dea (Broad).

DOVETON 1 (Sirtson 55th) KNOX CITY 1 (Masters 17th) at Waratah Reserve, Saturday.

DOVETON: Radov 7, — Macleod 7, Gadsby 9, Laister 7, Fitzpatrick 7, — M. McDonald 7, Watson 8, Sutherland 7, Kales 7 (Edmondson 56th), — J. McDonald 7, M. Lennon 7 (Sirtson H.T. 7), Coach: Ian Williamson.
KNOX CITY: McTurk 6, — Dixon 7, Tunstall 6, Bryden 6, Lesbier 7 (Healy 70th), — Wild 7, Smith 7, Gerish 7, — Kojic 6, House 7, Munro 7 (Inj. Murray 50th), Coach: Eric McIntyre.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Gadsby (Dove), 2. Watson (Dove), 1. Smith (Knox).

ALBION ROVERS 2 (D'Sylva 56th, Spiteri 75th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Stewart 35th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 7, — Stevens 6, D'Sylva 6, Gilmour 7, Douglas 7, — Galea 8, Reilly 8, Alfonso 6, — Rodriguez 6 (Robertson 78th), Bouzas 7, Spiteri 7, Coach: Bill McIntyre.
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen 5, — Murray 6, Burton 6, Corke 6, Haupt 6, — Wells 6 (Thorn 8th), Shannon 6, Meyer 7, — Warzawski 7, Storm 7, Stewart 7, Coach: Rudi van Altena.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. D'Sylva (ARI), 2. Reilly (ARI), 1. Meyer (RW).

NORTHCOTE 3 (Torro 36th, Quigley 68th, Constantinou 88th) POLONIA 3 (Mila 50th, Avian 60th, Petrov 76th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 7, — Wilson 7, Bozakis 8, Ketsakidis 7, Torro 6, — Wright 7, Quigley 7, — Micevski 7, Boarotto 5 (Patinotis 65th), Constantinou 6, Coach: Jimmy Prygolos.
POLONIA: Fryzler 5, — Lisarski 6, Mila 7, McCuskey 6, Smolek 6, — Gibson 6, Avian 6, Tront 6, Petrov 6, — Mitten 6, Przybyla (Inj. Innes 10th), Coach: John Gardner.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Bozakis (North), 2. Micevski (North), 1. Mila (Pol).

CROYDON 0 MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Cassar 25th, 58th) at Croydon Park, Saturday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7, — Rainey 8, Kerr 5, Brewerton 7, Brown F, — Singleton 7, Griffith 7, Lucy Salsi 5 (Allen 75th), — Irvine 7, French 6, Loughane 6, Coach: Colin Hasler.
MORWELL FALCONS: Whitehead 8, — Bingham 7, Clarke 7, Bruns 8, Train 8, — O'Callaghan 8, Moore 7, MacLean 8, Cassar 9, — Athreych 8, Webster 8, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Cassar (MF), 2. MacLean (MF), 1. Rainey (Croy).

FRANKTON PINES 0 FAWKNER 2 (Boyle penalty 36th, Cozella 60th) at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday.

FRANKTON PINES: Stuchbury 8, — Wilson 7, Thurlow 7, Vanie 8 (Rough 76th), Beach 7, — Cooke 7, Ross 8 (sent off 85th), — Owen 7, Livingstone 7 (Inj. Dick 40th), — Cummings 6, Thomas 8, Coach: Danny McMinime.
FAWKNER: Terzini 8, — McKinley 7, Angele 7, Macleod 7, Hobson 8, — Garvey 7, Boyle 9, E. Bannan 5 (sent off 40th), — Palinkas 8, Tuffield 8, Cozella 8, Coach: Gus Macleod.
Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Boyle (Fawk), 2. Palinkas (Fawk), 1. Stuchbury (Pines).

SCHIPANO AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are the sponsors of our 1984 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice. Voting is on a 3-2-1 basis for each State League game. In the event of a tie, the player making the least number of appearances will be declared the winner.

Leading votegeters:
18 — Smith (Box Hill)
15 — MacLean (Mow)
12 — Bingham (Mow), Mila (Pol), Stenson (WS)
11 — Roodhouse (Box Hill), Burton (Wilhel)
10 — Quigley (North), House (Knox), Lazopoulos (WS)
9 — Tuffield (Fawk), House (Knox), Moore (Mow), Przybyla (Pol)
7 — Kastner, Irvine (Croy), Fitzpatrick (Dove), Palinkas (Fawk), Meyer (Wilhel).

VSF Travel Club award

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1984 State League Top Scorer award.

The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.
Leading scorers:
13 — Przybyla (Pol) 7 — House (Knox), Moore (Mow)
10 — Tuffield (Fawk) 6 — Watson (Broad), Mitten (Pol)
9 — Smith (Box Hill), Coyle (WS)
8 — Cozella (Fawk), Lazopoulos (WS)

Cashing in on Soccer heroes

From page one
A victory here would lift St. George to within a point of fifth place. But neither St. George nor Marconi, which seems certain to beat Penrith, can displace Blacktown in the top five at this stage.
Footscray J.U.S.T. and Greed Gully are facing the prospect of either establishing a challenge for the top five, or being left hopelessly behind. As a result of their clash at Schintler Reserve on Sunday, one or the other could climb at least two positions.

TAYLOR TO FAWKNER?

By LES SHORROCK

It was back on March 21, in our 8th issue, that our State League "expert", Craig MacKenzie (the Tartan Terror himself), tossed the State League fixture list to me and said: "You do the State League preview this week, and while you're at it, tip the top four as well, because I've talked to Billy Murray and he's convinced me that Box Hill will win the League!"

So I did the preview for that week (I picked Fawknor to beat Polonia and they drew 4-4 at home, and as well as naming Fawknor to win the league I also nominated Polonia, Morwell Falcons and Western Suburbs for the other three top positions.

This week the Tartan Terror said to me: "Now that you've finished jet-setting up and down the country with the Soccereros, maybe you'll get down to doing some real work... do the State League preview!"

"Okay", said I, all unsuspecting, and guess what... Fawknor plays Box Hill this Sunday at Smith Reserve!

Well, I've done my homework, and I see that three of the four are in the frame (come on Wests, what are you doing?), and although four coaches have bit the dust, big Gus and Billy Murray are still going strong.

Despite the absence of guest Eamonn Bannon, serving an automatic suspension after being sent off last week, Gus Macleod is unperturbed, he says he hopes to finalise the transfer of Ken Taylor from Footscray JUST in time for Sunday.

Taylor's price has dropped

A FIRST FOR BANNON

"It's the first time I've been sent off and it'll probably be the last."
That's how Scotland international Eamonn Bannon reacted after being sent off against Frankston Pines last Saturday in his first guest game for Fawknor.
The Dundee United star was sent off in the 40th minute after an incident involving Pines' player Gordon Livingstone.
Bannon will serve an automatic one-match suspension this weekend then, depending on the referee's report, could face the VSF tribunal early next week.

Shepparton pulls out!

Shepparton City stunned the VSF this week by withdrawing from the Provisional League First Division.

No reasons were given for Shepparton's withdrawal as we went to press, however the club is sending an official letter of withdrawal to Soccer House and we'll follow up its exit from the federation in our next issue.

MIDDELMAST WINS IT

NUNAWADING CITY 0 DONCASTER ROVERS 1 (C. Middlemast — 89th) at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madler, Greenwald, Nellis, Bakker, Deane, Furrer, Senterby, Sullivan (Akdeniz 81), McCarty, Van Ermond, Watt (Senterby 77), DONCASTER ROVERS: Sullivan, Teer, Tolmie, K. Middlemast, I. Humble, Williams, K. Humble, C. Spideaux, J. Talla, R. Forsyth (P. Middleton 76), A. Humble.
A scrambled, last-minute goal was enough to give Doncaster both points in bleak conditions at Mahoneys Reserve.
Playing with the driving wind and rain in the first half, Doncaster failed to make the most of its chances by constantly overhitting its passes.
Although Nunawading created few chances, its defence, ably led by Deane and Bakker, comfortably withstood the Doncaster attacks. Most of the early chances fell to Middlemast but he was off target.
Madler made the save of the match in the 35th minute to deny K. Humble.
The second half commenced with Doncaster again on the attack, as the wind had died

meadows' relegation fears despite the return of Jimmy McIntyre to the coaching helm.
Incidentally, Jimmy's son Kevin is making a real name for himself in the Broadmeadows reserves, with eight goals in 11 games to his credit!
Northcote City and Croydon should split the points at John Cain Reserve.
Here's a last-minute plea to Fawknor. I've just been told that the Tartan Terror is covering your game in preference to a National League match... please don't let me down, otherwise I'll never hear the last of it!

S.O.S. — SCORER NEEDED

By ALAN STIRLING

Frank Pines 0 Fawknor 2

Scorers: Boyle penalty 36th, Cozella 60th.
Venue: Monterey Boulevard.

Unless Frankston Pines can find a forward who can put the ball into the back of the net, it will continue to languish in the middle of the State League ladder.

This was patently obvious at Monterey Boulevard last Saturday. Top-of-the-table Fawknor had six good strikes at goal and scored three times (having a goal chalked off for offside).

And Pines goalkeeper David Stuchbury was forced to pull off a brilliant save to deny Fawknor from adding to its tally.

No doubt shooting practice at training this week will be high on the list of priorities of Pines coach Danny McMinime.

A combination of bad weather and the live telecast of the Australia v. Juventus game from Sydney saw just a small crowd witness a very even half. Peter Boyle, Joe Palinkas and Ian Tuffield were prominent for Fawknor while Ray Thomas and Jim Ross combined well for Pines.

Particularly pleasing for Pines was the performance of young Robert Runje, the Victorian under-15 captain. Although playing against older and more experienced players, Runje more than held his own as Pines' sweeper.

Fawknor hit the front in the 36th minute. A despairing, sliding tackle from Jimmy Wilson telled a Fawknor player inside the area and Fawknor midfielder Boyle made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Minutes later, Eamonn Bannon, making the first of four guest appearances with Fawknor, was sent off.

Not long into the second

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Knox City v POLONIA at Egan Lee Reserve, 3 pm.
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ST ALBANS DINAMO v Doveton at Churchill Reserve, 3 pm.

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Northcote v Croydon at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

half, Fawknor struck again. And what a gem of a goal it was from Bruno Cozella, who only scored about a metre of the goal available, yet still was able to drive the ball home from 15 metres.

From then on, Pines, playing against 10 men, did everything but score. Ross shot over from five metres, John Cunningham missed his second

open goal, Thomas shot wide, John Bruce hit the post and John Cullen shot against the bar.

Boyle and Gary Hobson did well for Fawknor in this half while Pines, had they taken a couple of excellent chances, would have gained at least a point. On the basis of chances created, the home side certainly deserved a draw.

Two-goal Effie

By JOHN WALLACE

Croydon 0 Morwell F 2

Scorers: Cassar 25th, 58th. Venue: Croydon Park.

On a wet and miserable Saturday afternoon, Croydon City turned on an equally miserable performance, losing 2-0 against Latrobe Valley side Morwell Falcons.

A sparkling opening and a powerful finish were the basis of this Morwell victory. In between Croydon although creating some good chances, lacked the finishing skills and was a disappointing and untidy outfit for most of the game.

Morwell notched its first goal from a fast, scything move down the right started by Jim Train. The Croydon defence, congregating in its own penalty area, was clinically punished for loose marking by Effie Cassar, who's thumping shot on the run gave Lou Kasiner no chance.

Croydon pressed for the equaliser and a low, hard drive across goal by David Singleton kicked through half a dozen pairs of legs, evading the grasping fingers of Billy Whitehead but no Croydon boot could connect.

However, after the restart, Croydon again hit back and was unlucky when Mark Brown, charging through from a short Dave Griffith's pass, was unfairly brought down. Steve Irvine's resulting free kick, screaming towards the roof of the net, was unbelievably tipped over by Billy Whitehead.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: NORTH CANTERBURY vs WARRICK; THOMASTOWN vs MORRISON; NUNAWADING CITY vs Kew; DONCASTER ROVERS vs Richmond (Inj.); ALTONA CITY vs Bell Park; MURDOCH vs Spotsylvania City (Inj.); ALTONA CITY vs Sturtley (Inj.).

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: PRINCE OF MONTEBELLUNA, KEITH vs South Otago; HEDELBURG, BUNDORGA vs Ringwood United; COLONY vs WAVERLEY CITY; CHAS vs SANDHURST; DONCASTER CITY vs ST. MEL/MORRILL; CAULFIELD CITY vs North Geelong.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: COBURN vs ESEBURN CITY; BULLEN vs Geelong; YALNAM vs KARRINGALL; MODRIBAN CITY vs Brighton; ANDER vs MORRILL; PRINCE CITY vs Port Melbourne (Inj.); ROYAL RICHMOND vs HAMLYN RANGERS.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: FRONTRIE vs GLEN; KENDRICK vs KARANNA; HAWTHORN vs Heidelberg; GRAVESHAM vs SPRINGVALE; CLIFTON Hill vs Yarrville; EAST BUNBURY vs Latrobe United; RUSKIN vs HOLLAND PARK.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION
Saturday: WEST BUNBURY vs Central City; MALVERN CITY vs Mather; HAWKSBURN vs Croydon; CLAYTON vs Morwell; BALLARAT vs West Geelong; CLANDON vs Boro.

DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Kewton vs PHEASANT VALLEY; GEE-LINDING UNITED vs Albion; EPPING CITY vs REGENT; CROCKFORD vs SOUTH DANDENONG; Uni of Melbours vs ARADISTOWN; SEWICK CITY vs Newsworld United.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: MITCHEAM vs Brunswick City; NORTH BUNBURY vs Boro United; United vs DIAMOND VALLEY; Hampton Wanderers vs Seaford (Inj.); CLARENDON (KODJONG) vs West Melbourne; MESSPILL vs Port United; RINGLEY vs Dandel 0.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: EPPING THISTLE vs Richmond United; CARMON vs MELBURN; BATHMAN UNITED vs South Parkers; WESTALL vs Azzurri Melb.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Saturday: ORIELAVER HILLS vs Clarendon; LATROBE UNI vs BUNDORGA; MACCARI vs Delaney City; MEADOW PARK vs Balaclava; MELBOURNE UNI vs Azzurri St Marks; North Melbourne vs WAVERLEY UNITED.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: South Springs vs OLD SCOTCH COLLEGE; PHILLIPS INSTITUTE vs Home United; RALLY vs Eagles United; VERNAMPTON vs Camoed; WEST UNITED vs West Melbourne.

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Zarko Odzakov gets set for Socceroos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

If Frank Arok gets his wish, the Socceroos soon will be reinforced by Zarko Odzakov, one of the most skilful and incisive midfielders in Australia.

Odzakov himself can't wait to get his citizenship papers so he will be eligible to join the Socceroos. Since coming to Australia from Yugoslavia, early last year, Odzakov has thrilled not only the Preston-Makedonia fans, but also everyone who knows anything about the finer points of soccer.

Little wonder then that Arok — as well as Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton — regards Odzakov as the finest midfielder in the country.

"When Odzakov plays well, Makedonia plays well," is the way Ollerton puts it. Arok intensified his efforts to get Odzakov into the Australian team after the Socceroos had lost 2-4 to Juventus in Adelaide. Zbigniew Boniek, playing a freewheeling midfield role, scored a hat-trick in that match. Arok said afterwards he wished he had a player of Boniek's qualities. And in Odzakov, Arok sees such a player.

Odzakov, who will turn 29 in November, played for Vardar Skopje from 1969 as a junior, until 1983 when he came to Australia. He had about 350 senior games with the club, more than 200 of them in Yugoslav First Division. He also played for the Yugoslav national junior team against Rumania and Sweden in a tournament in Monaco in 1973, and for the national youth team alongside Velimir Zajec (Dinamo Zagreb) in Iran in 1976.

Born in Novi Dojran, about 60 km from Skopje, Odzakov came to Australia with Vardar in 1978 and 1979, and subsequently decided to settle here.

He hopes that Makedonia will accept one of his former Vardar teammates, Vlado Torteovski, next year.

Torteovski, a midfielder, had about six seasons with Vardar before joining his present club, Tetex, where he has been one of the top players.

"He rang me about two weeks ago, because he wanted to come here. I told the committee, and I'm waiting for an answer," Odzakov said.

Odzakov himself has played in midfield for most of his career, although he started at right back with the Vardar juniors.

His best game was against Miljan Miljanic's national team in 1980-81. Vardar beat Yugoslavia 4-0 that day and Odzakov, apart from scoring two goals, was the best player on the field.

That didn't help him get into the national team, however.

"For Vardar players, it is very hard to play for Yugoslavia," he says. "About 90 per cent of the players come from Red Star, Partizan, Hajduk and Dinamo, and only 10 per cent from the other clubs," he says.

"Vassil Ringov got a chance with the Yugoslav B team in a tournament in China, and now Darko Panchev, who is only 18, is in the Yugoslav Olympic team for Los Angeles. He was top scorer in Yugoslavia last season, with 19 goals. A very good player."

Arok rang Makedonia president John Branov recently, asking whether Odzakov would be getting Australian citizenship.

"I have applied and everything is ready," Odzakov says. "I have been in the Immigration Department, and we are waiting for letters from the ASF and the VSF."

ASF president Sir Arthur George has told Arok he would support Odzakov's application.

Odzakov believes Makedonia can win the National Conference championship now that it has shaken off



Makedonia's midfield maestro Zarko Odzakov

its hesitant early-season form.

"On Sunday, Juventus meets top team Heidelberg, and if they draw, and we beat Croatia, we already could be on top of the ladder."

"My form was not so good early this year, because we had a new team — new players. But in the last five games, I have been getting better. Last year, we had Gordon Flavell in midfield, and he was very important for us. He let me have more chance to attack. When Robbie Dunn was put in the midfield against Hel-

las, it was much better. Dunn knows soccer, he is very strong and he can also score goals."

He said it was likely that he, Dunn and Zoran Ilioski now would be Makedonia's first-choice midfield combination, with Gary Cole, Claude Lucchesi and Graham Heys playing in attack.

George Campbell hasn't trained for four weeks due to a knee injury.

About Makedonia's poor National Cup form, Odzakov said: "We played bad because we had too many players out. Some were injured, some were in the national squad."

Third coach for Inter Monaro

Ex-Canberra Arrows coach Vic Fernandez has replaced Steve Clark, after only two months, as coach of New South Wales State League side, Inter-Monaro.

Fernandez took over Monaro's coaching reins last Sunday week with the club reeling from its first defeat of the season the previous weekend.

Fernandez is Monaro's third coaching appointment of the season, once it was with former Monaro player, Roberto Vieri, before switching to Clarke.

Monaro, if it can win the NSW State League, automatically goes into the National League in 1985.

And that is something Monaro long has dreamed about.

Under its president, Laurie Pastrello, Monaro spent big to put together its present squad — while spending even more to upgrade its licensed premises and ground just over Canberra's border in Queanbeyan, NSW.

Its best players include ex-APIA players Sebastian Giampolo and Billy Willox, ex-Canberra Arrows players Tony Brennan and Harry Williams and ex-Canberra and ex-Preston Makedonia player, Isaac Farrell.

Until this appointment Fernandez, who coached Hong Kong Club and Tung Sing for two seasons, was the coach of the Arrows youth squad.

A former Argentine youth team player, Fernandez came to Australia in 1963 and played regularly with St. George, until 1970.

He was also Johnny Warren's understudy with the forerunner club to Canberra Arrows, the now defunct Canberra City.

— PETER WINDSOR

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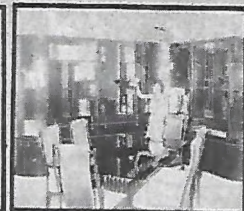


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Le grandi squadre d'Europa sono venute a misurarsi con i soc-

cero, a dimostrare la loro superiorita' tecnica (e lo hanno dimostrato), a dimostrare la loro migliore impostazione (e lo hanno dimostrato), a dare ai tifosi australiani un assaggio "in loco" di bel gioco (e lo hanno fatto).

La squadra nazionale australiana si era preparata a questo difficilissimo torneo

con un impegno mai visto prima ed agli ordini di un allenatore che ha sempre avuto i numeri per allenare una squadra di livello mondiale.

I verdeoro volevano dimostrare di essere una squadra battagliera (e lo hanno dimostrato), una squadra con la voglia matta di vincere (e lo hanno fatto), una squadra con ottime individualita' (e si sono viste), una squadra che dove non arriva con la tecnica arriva con il cuore (e che cuore!), una squadra che potra' lanciare in campo internazionale i rifiuti del

calcio britannico (e molte squadre britanniche sarebbero felicissime di "lavare" i giocatori che avevano "esiliato" verso l'Australia); una squadra che potra' dare una carriera internazionale ai "nostri" ragazzi nati e cresciuti in Australia e che hanno nomi italiani: greci, anglosassoni, ecc. (ed anche qui il successo lo si e' visto).

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sempre quelli che avrebbero voluto vedere la Juventus di Torino vincere tutte le partite per almeno 10-0 (almeno 5 reti messe a segno da Paolo Rossi).

Poi ci saranno quelli che avrebbero voluto vedere l'Australia vincere ugualmente tutte le partite anche se 1-0 sarebbe stato sufficiente.

Non bisogna poi dimenticare che ci sara' anche qualcuno che avrebbe voluto vedere piu' gambe rotte (due giocatori del Glasgow Rangers sono stati gli "unici sfortunati"); qualcun altro che avrebbe voluto vedere piu' espulsioni; qualcun altro che avrebbe voluto vedere soltanto bandiere bianconere tricolori; alle partite della Juventus, qualcun altro avrebbe preferito soltanto bandiere verdeoro alle stesse partite; qualcuno avrebbe voluto le partite giocate all'Olympic Park di Melbourne invece che al vicino Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Non bisogna poi dimenticare che tutti quanti avrebbero voluto avere Paolo Rossi ed il resto della squadra juventina a tutta una serie di feste, di ricevimenti, di cene e cene, di scorpacciate di pizza ed altre specialita', magari fino alle 4-5 della mattina; che poi tutta la squadra ed i dirigenti andassero a fare 4-5 allenamenti durante la giornata sui vari campi delle varie squadre italiane; poi nel pomeriggio giocare contro la nazionale australiana e vincere per 10-0.

Quindi nuovamente ad una festa fino al mattino dopo... e guai se non davano gli autografi a tutti quanti! Guai se non stringevano la mano anche ai tavoli!

E' innegabile che ognuno ha un suo modo di vedere le cose ed e' anche giusto che ognuno desidera avere le sue soddisfazioni. Pero' non e' ne' giusto ne' bello condannare (o esaltare fino alle stelle) soltanto sulla sregata dei propri gusti personali o di parte.

Come scrivevano alcune settimane fa, questo torneo internazionale e' stato troppo e troppo di colpo per tutti. Pero' dobbiamo tutti esser grati che si e' svolto perche' tutti abbiamo avuto una soddisfazione o l'altra; perche' il calcio ha fatto dei grandi passi avanti.

Bisogna ora stare attenti a sfruttare tutto cio' che di positivo si e' visto, dimenticare gli inevitabili aspetti negativi, evitare polemiche distruttive, fare delle critiche costruttive e trovare la comune intesa per far progredire il calcio locale (cosa che tutti vog-



liamo) e continuare ad incoraggiare la venuta in Australia di squadre europee, anche se non si potra' mai pretendere che arrivino qui al gran completo e pronte a giocare con la stessa forza di disperazione di quando giocano nelle finali dei grandi tornei europei e della Coppa del Mondo.

Il fatto che la Juventus abbia pareggiato con il Manchester United (anche se poi ha vinto ai rigori); quindi pareggiato con la nazionale australiana a Melbourne in un incontro abbastanza spettacolare, interessante e tecnicamente apprezzabile; quindi battuto bene la stessa nazionale ad Adelaide per poi perderla abbastanza male a Sydney, rientra tutto nella normalita' piu' assoluta.

Non bisogna dimenticare, infatti, che per l'ultima partita di Sydney mancavano alla Juventus molti dei suoi giocatori-chiave e che l'Australia di Frank Ark non e' poi una squadraccia qualsiasi! Gente come Davidson, Yankos, Soper, Jennings, Farina, Mitchell, Kosmina, e via di seguito hanno dimostrato di essere giocatori di livello internazionale!

E ci fermiamo qui, perche' si potrebbe scrivere a parlare fino all'infinito: il segno migliore che questo torneo e' stato importante, altrimenti nessuno ne vorrebbe scrivere e parlare.

SCENA LOCALE

E coe', passato il ciclone, possiamo tornare ai nostri campionati locali.

La Lega Nazionale riprende questo weekend con la "challenging" fra le squadre dello stesso girone. A Melbourne l'incontro di

Finalmente Paolo Rossi (di spalle con il numero 9) ha rotto l'incantesimo e messo a segno una rete. Il giovane Koetting (la sinistra) sembra interpretare la soddisfazione generale con un gesto che dice tutto a "Pablito". Questo indimenticabile scena e' accaduta ad Adelaide, in quella che tutti hanno descritto come la piu' bella partita australiana della Juventus. Oltre alla rete di Rossi, lo scatenato Boniek metteva a segno una tripla per ottenere un risultato finale di 4-2 per i bianconeri. Purtroppo pero' Boniek si infortunava nell'azione del suo ultimo goal e non poteva scendere in campo nell'ultima partita a Sydney. Le sue assenze si aggiungeva a quella di Platini (rimasto in Europa) e veniva aggravata dall'espulsione di Cabrini, per cui il risultato finale di 2-0 a favore dell'Australia non faceva poi tanto scalpore anche perche' la nazionale verdeoro ha veramente disputato una gara maiuscola. Foto LES SHORROCK.

cartello sara' Heidelberg-Juventus (all'Olympic Village di Heidelberg, vicino il Northland Shopping Centre), domenica prossima.

La partita si presenta molto difficile per tutte due le squadre perche' l'Heidelberg, che avrebbe dovuto essere favorito sulla carta sara' senza Patterson e Winn che dovranno osservare un turno di squalifica; la Juventus che avrebbe dovuto trarre vantaggio da tali assenze si trovera' senza Miranda (infortunatosi con la nazionale) e forse anche Hird (infortunatosi in una partita di allenamento) con la nazionale.

Nella Lega Statale, il Fawkner continua a guidare la classifica con due punti di vantaggio su Piorita. Morwell (che si e' ripreso molto bene dopo l'inizio di stagione) e Box Hill.

Comunque la partita piu' importante del turno scorso, dal punto di vista campanilistico a dire il minimo, e' stata quella che ha visto il Veneto Bullen

battere la Triestina Essendon City per 2-1.

I ragazzi veneti che all'inizio di stagione avevano favorito la rapida ascesa del "muli albardati" facendo registrare importanti pareggi contro le avversarie dirette della Triestina, questa volta hanno amministrato al cugino un grosso dispiacere.

Da notare anche la sempre piu' sicura tenuta dell'East Brunswick, del Regent, del Westall, dell'Ascot, del S. Marco, del Nunawading United, del Dallas McLeod. Sembra proprio che le cosiddette squadre "minori" italiane si stiano prendendo la rivincita sulle squadre "maggiori" che dopo un inizio folgorante stanno accusando delle battute d'arresto.

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Λίγο πριν από τον αγώνα ο προπονητής έ- φησε με την βοήθεια του ποδοσφαιριστή Γαλατσίδη που μετέφραζε τις δηλώσεις του, εί- πε στους παίκτες του: "Θέλω να παίξε- ρε για τους Έλληνες φιλάθλους και να χι- ρισετε την νίκη".

Οι Αστράλοι παίζον σκληρά αλλά όχι αντιπαθητικά. Δεν θέλω να δω από κανέ- να αντιπαθητικό παιγνίδι. "Όποιος και να είναι θα τον πετάξω έξω". Θέλω πίστη και δύναμη. Καλή σας τύχη".

ΑΔΙΚΟ ΤΟ Ι-Ι ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΠΡΑΚΛΗ

Αν ο Παπαδόπουλος είχε λίγο τύχη στο 24 και πλάσσειε πιά γρήγορα τον εξερχόμενο φράνκεν, αν δ'όφαινε δεν βρισκόταν σε κα- λή μέρα, αν γενικά οι παίκτες του "Βρακλή" ήταν πιο αποτελεσματικοί και αν ο ρεφερέ δεν τον κατέβριζε με το πέναλτι, τότε η ομάδα της Θεσσαλονίκης θα είχε πάρει τη νίκη τουλάχιστο με 3-0.

Το σκόρ στο ΜΟΓ το άνοιξε ο Παπαδόπου- λος στο 53' που έφυγε από άριστερα και με το σκούρο σουτ σούτ βρήκε τα δίχτυα του φράνκεν που έπεσε καθυστερημένα.

Στο 56' και στο 59' ο Λιούδης άρχισε να καλεσθεί τους Έλληνες παίκτες και πήρε κάρτα. Μάλιστα στο έκτο λεπτό πήγε να "καθαρίσει" τον Χατζηπαναγή που τον κατέ- λαβε και πήδηξε. Ο Λιούδης όμως θέλοντας να δείξει τις κακές του προθέσεις, συνέχι- σε να ηθάρει (γελούσε) σιγμική γιά τους προ- πονητές που τον έβλεπε μέσα στην ομάδα Β' της Αστράλίας, μιλώντας τους από τον Έλλη- νισμικό γηπέδων χωρίς να καταλαβαίνει ότι έκλεισε τη σιγμική μελάνη την πανέλα- κη που φορούσε και που ήταν της "Βουκής Αστράλίας".

Τελικά ο Τόμπσον τον αντιπαικτέρε για- τί μπορούσε να έκανε ζημιά και στην έκβα- ση του αγώνα.

Στο 65' ήλθε το όλο για την Βουκή Αστ- ραλίας όταν σε φάουλ σέντρα ο Φοιρός πή- ρησε με τον Κώλ μισό μέτρο μέσα στην με- γάλη περιοχή. Παρά την προσπάθεια των παικτών την υπάλλα δεν την πήρε κανένας αλλά ο ρεφερέ Σπύριδης σφύριξε πέναλτι που έκανε σε γκολ ο Μπόρουν.

Για το πέναλτι δεν έχουμε να πούμε τίπο- το άλλο στον διαιτητή απ'... Ντροπή. "Αν ή όποιος ήθελε Βουκή Αστράλίας χρει- ζόταν την βοήθεια του διαιτητή προκειμέ- νου να φέρνει ένα καλό αποτέλεσμα, τότε το μόνο που έχουμε να πούμε είναι... και η χειρότερα."

Η ομάδα του "Βρακλή" έπαιξε με τους: Γκε- ρκίεφ, Μαυρίδη, Ζίγκι, Φοιρός, Περγαμάν, Σαν- δούλου, Παπαϊωάννου, Χατζηπαναγή, Γαλατσί- δη Παπαδόπουλο και "Αδύμω".

ΤΙ ΕΙΠΕ Ο ΓΙΑΝΝΕΑΟΣ

Ο Γιάννης Μαργαρίτης (Γιαννέας) ο ένας από τους προπονητές της Β' Αστράλίας με- τὰ την λήξη της συνάντησης, πήγε στα απο- θυρήα του "Βρακλή" και έβριξε το χέρι σε όλους τους παίκτες. "Όταν τον ρώτησα τί έχει να πει γιά τον αγώνα, απάντησε: "Τράφε σε παρακαλώ ότι ο "Βρακλής" είναι η καλύτερη ελληνική ομάδα που έχει περά- σει από την Αστράλεια. Μπράβο σε όλα τα παιδιά και στον τεχνικό τους που όπως φα- νηκε κάνει περίπτωση δουλειά."

Σε γενικές γραμμές ο "Βρακλής" με έντυπω- σισε γιατί έπαιξε σωστό και μοντέρνο πο- δόσφαιρο."

Ο ΓΙΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΟΡΑΝΙΑΝΗΣ που είδε το παιγνί- δι από τον πάγκο γιατί ήταν τραυματίας, εί- πε: "Τέτοιο πέναλτι δεν βίνεται με τί- ποτα και μόνο όταν ο διαιτητής θέλει να κάνει όλο."

ΓΙΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΦΟΙΡΟΣ: "Πήδηξε γιά κεφαλή μετὰ από το φάουλ με τον αντίπαλό μου. Έβρισσε και οι δύο στον αέρα... Μα γιά όλο το θεο- δό έτσι δίνουν τα πέναλτι στην Αστρά- λεια."

ΒΑΣΙΛΗΣ ΧΑΤΖΗΠΑΝΑΓΗΣ: "Ο διαιτητής ήταν δίκαιος όπως και το πέναλτι που έδωσε. Με έντυπωσισε οι Έλληνες φιλάθλοι της Μεθούνης με την συμπαράστασή τους και στα 90 λεπτά της συνάντησης."

ΣΠΥΡΙΔΗΣ ΠΕΡΓΑΜΑΝΟΣ: "Μας έκλεισε ο ρεφερέ τη νίκη. Οι Αστράλοι μάς έπαιξαν σκληρά, μο- ρούσαμε κι' έμελε να κνέουμε το ίδιο άλ- λα σεβάσθηκαν τα λόγια του τεχνικού μας και τους Έλληνες που ήλθαν να δουν ποδό- φαιρο και όχι κλωτσιές στο φαχνό. Είπατε εδω(μ) έδω(μ) έδω(μ) το φαχνό του φαχνά- να κτύπημα δυνατά, αν τ'έβρινα: πώς θα γινό- ταν άδυνα."

ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΑΔΑΜΟΥ: "Βρίεξ φαίμε που δεν βλάμπε περισσότερα τέρματα όταν μάς δόθη- καν οι εκβάσεις. Το πέναλτι ήταν... φα- ντασμα".

Ο ΠΡΟΠΟΝΗΤΗΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΑΚΛΗ ΠΑΥΟΣ ΕΙΠΕ:

Είχαμε ελπίδες γιά γκολ αλλά δεν τις αξιοποίησαμε. Το πέναλτι άδυνα δεν κατέ- λαβα γιατί δόθηκε. Πιστεύω κατ'έκτο- ρόπο να εχρησιμοποιήσουμε τους Έλληνες φιλά- θλους που έδωσαν τόση ζεστασιά στην όμα- δα μου σε όλη τη διάρκεια του αγώνα."

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ΕΝΤΥ ΤΟΜΠΣΟΝ: ΉΤΑΝ ΟΜΑΔΑ ΜΕ ΑΡΙΣΤΕΣ

Ο "Έντυ Τόμπσον που μαζί με τον Γιαννέ- αο έκαναν το κουμάντο στην Β' Αστράλεια, δήλωσε: "Ο "Βρακλής" ήταν πολύ καλύτερος από τον πρώτο αγώνα (0-0) του Μπαρμπα- νά και μού άρεσαν οι Σανδούλως, Περγαμάνος και Φοιρός".

90.000 ΦΙΛΑΘΛΟΙ ΣΤΗΝ ΜΕΘΟΥΝΗ

Τελικά τους αγώνες της Μεθούνης τους παρακολούθησαν 90.000 φιλάθλοι και ήταν ένα εχθρόστο σημείο γιά το ποδόσφαιρο. Φυσικά αν οι διοργανωτές είχαν πιο σθη- νο ελκιστήριο, σίγουρα η επίκριση θα ήταν μεγαλύτερη.

Μιά γκάφα άδυνα που έκαναν ήταν και ο ρατσισμός που έδειξαν και άγνουσαν τους αθλητικογράφους των ελληνικών εφημερίδων οι οποίοι όμως βοήθησαν θετικά το τσου- ρομ κι' αυτό γιατί ήταν η ελληνική όμα- δα ο "Βρακλής".

Πάντως όλοι όσοι γράφουν στις ελληνικές εφημερίδες θα πρέπει κάποια μέρα να ένω- θούν και όταν βλέπουν να γίνονται εις βά- ρος τους άδικες, θα πρέπει να αντιδρούν με τον τρόπο τους.

Σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις δεν θα πρέπει να υπάκουω διαπιστώσεις.

Το γράφουμε γιατί ενώ διαβάσαμε στην "Ν Κόσμο" και "Νέα Ελλάδα" σχετικά με τον άπ- αράδεκτο ρατσισμό που έπείδαν οι διοργα- νωτές, άλλες εφημερίδες κρότησαν σιγνή ιχ- θύος.

Γιατί άραγε; Μήπως εκείνη έτυχε να πά- ρουν τα φρενικά ένα ελκιστήριο πάνω πάνω ή κάποια διαφήμιση;

"Όλοι αυτοί που δεν μάς υπολογίζουν, θέ- λουν την πληρωμή με το ίδιο νόμισμα."

Ας ελπίσουμε ότι σε άλλη τέτοια διοργα- νωση - αν γίνουν τα ίδια - οι Έλληνες αθ- λητικογράφοι αν αντιδράσουν όλοι μαζί θε- τικά και δραστήρια.

Μόνο έτσι θα καταλάβουν κάτι άγροσάξω- νες πώς τα γήπεδα τα γαυλίζουν οι Έλλη- νες εφημερίδες, οι Ιταλικές, οι Γιουγκοσλά- βικές και άλλες.

YUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

JUVENTUS OBIKAN TIM BEZ PLATINIJA I BONEKA

Juventus je završio turneje po Australiji i neslavno, jer je podneo poraz casno i sportski. Reprezentacija Australije i Italija dosta nedostataka, koje pre- uzevali smo. Trebao je da dodje jedan milionski tim da bi videli koliki smo nepravdani kritici onog sto imamo. U Evropi i Americi fudbal se preceenjuje zbog cega je u dekadenciji. Igrac, koji ne postigne gol na utakmici, a vredi milion dolara, ne zaslu- zuje nasu paznju, nagradu da ne spominjem. Ko je mogao da spreci Pelea, Puskasa, Kocsica da ne postavju makar jedan gol na svakoj utakmici. Ako oni nisu divi, jer su ih cuvali dvi do tri igrace, drugi su bili slabodani da tresu mreze. Direktno ih indreko- oni su bili garancija da ce biti golova, sto je svrha fudbalske igre. Juventus ima dostojne zamenike velikih strelaca i fudbalskih majstora u Platini- ju i Boneku, i kad je da u Paolo Rosiju. Bez prve dvojice Juventus je obican tim, koji zaostaje za amaterskom rep- rezentacijom Australije.

IRAKLIS JE VIŠE POKAZAO

Od grčkog Iraklisa osvojeno je mnogo manje, a ono je daleko više pokazao. Bar sto se tice tehnike i znanja, iako je primetno odsustvo kon- centracije u svim kladi. Ni Irakis ne daje jako golove, ali igra masovito i dubovito do kaznenog prostora. Razume se, igraci Iraklisa su tek poceli turneju i nisu bili u mogucnosti da otkriju sve fudbalske vrline i sposobnosti.

Golman Blagoja Georgi- jevski je tipican Jugosloven medju stativama. Brani nemo- guce lopte, ali je sklon avantu- rizmu. U Melburnu je branio odlicno. Savdian je iz pre- storno dozvoljenog jedanaes- terca. Cudne su nase sudije na internacionalnim utakmicama. Prema gostima su svike blagi ili suvise strogi, retko daju pravedno timu, a poste- nudjeni da spasavaju utakmicu i upled fudbala, zbog cega naj- vise.

Istog dana na Olympic parku nastaju se Melbourne Croatia i Makedonija. Croatia ce prvi put voditi u Nacional- noj ligi novi trener Tony Vri- na. S "Timmy Fokianos.

PRVA DIVIZIJA

Springvale City - Altona Gate/VARDAR 1:0 (1:0). Prvo poluvremeno pripada domacem timu, a poste- nudjeni da spasavaju utakmicu i upled fudbala, zbog cega naj- vise.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

Ringwood United/SRBIA - Coburg 2:1 (1:0). Sa ovom pobedom "Srbija" se ucvrstila u sredini tabele.

Sastav: Jimmy Milisavlje- vic, Tony, Miladin Bjelograh, Alex Nelson, Peter Vaughan, Miki Djuric, Jimmy Cogan, Pavle Jevtic, Ljuba Stojanovic, Miki Sedarevic (Demir Orhan), William Ross.

Ljuba Stojanovic je postigao prvi gol u 2. minutu, dok je William Ross dao drugi gol pred kraj utakmice.

U subotu 23. juna Ring- wood/SRBIA odlazi u goste Heidelberg/Bundorf. My.31 D (ugao Liberty Pde. & Banksia St., Heidelberg).

CETVRTA DIVIZIJA

Springvale United - Clifton Hill 2:1 (1:0). "Plavi" su se dobro prepoznali dok nisu sav- ledoci zilavog protivnika. Strelci: Hitko Kaim i Aleksan- der Veleviski.

Sastav: Tomic, Sivec, Dekic, Kerezevic, S. Janjic, Kaim, Jelcic, Dangovski, Culibird, D. Janjic, Veleviski.

VIŠKA POBEDA HAWK- SBURNA

Melton - HAWKSBURN 0-4 (0:1). Strelci: Istvan Laszlo u 30. i 61., Stevica Bogavac u 75. i Joe Hegedis u 79. minutu.

Domaci tim je u prvom minutu primio golmana Mis- trica da se baci u blato, ali je posle toga imao je vrlo malo posla, jer su navalni igraci iz Laszla predviđali da se pre- met pred protivnikom mre- zom, koji nije prestao dok sudija nije odsvirao kraj utakmice.

Sastav Hawksburna: Tibor Mistic, Antal Ambros, Andras Sejmes, Simon Guz- mann, Stjepan Kanton, Joe Hegedis, Stevan Derek, Ste- vica Bogavac, Tibor Hagymasi, Andrija Kazi, Istvan Laszlo.

Igrac utakmice bio je Simon Guzmann, a pored njega po- sebnju pohtvu zaslužio Istvan Laszlo, Stevica Bogavac i Tibor Hagymasi.

U subotu 23. juna igra se derbi utakmica izmedju Hawk- sburna i Carlton/Mladosti na novom igralistu, koji se nezna- nicio otvara sa ovom utakmi- com. Andras Hungarian Community Centre, Boronia Rd., Wantirna, My.63 E.3.

Central City/C ZVEZDA - Malvern City 1:1 (1:0). Strelci: Zvezda: Sasa Milenkovic u 39. minutu iz jedanaesterca. Prvo poluvremeno Zvezda je imala vise od igre, ali je pred kraj utakmice prepusila in- icijativu gostima, koji su iz- jednacili u 80. minutu.

Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popo- vic, Mile Jovanovic, Zoran Roksandic, Goran Simic, Zoran Krnic, Dragan Mile- nkovic, Edi Krt, Petar Krnic, Emil Petrov, Sasa Milenkovic, Miki Cvetkovski.

Najbolji igraci: Mile Jo- vanovic, Petar Krnic i Miki Cvetkovski.

NOVI TRIJUMF HAM- PTON/BOGRADA

Diamond Valley - Ham- pton/BOGRAD 0:5 (0:2). Strelci: Marti Colagolu 2, Ajden Bol, Dragoljub Janko- vici i Savas Colagolu. Novi trener Stevica Prekok kaže: "Nije samo rezultat vazan, vec opste raspolozenje i disciplina, tako da mozemo da spravemo taktilku kako smo predvideli na treningu. Ovog puta smo raz- bili protivnika cestom izme- nom mesta".

Sastav: Sava Jankovic, Bozidar Milosavljevic, Mus- tafa Volcan, Dragoljub Janko- vic, Nedjelko Rajic, Ajden Bol, Drago Vujic, alex Cabrera, Alan Goulla (Zigi Karademir od 60. minuta), Savas Colagolu, Marti Colagolu.

Rezerva je izgubila sa 2:1 (0:1). Strelac Sava Jankovic.

U subotu 23. juna Ham- pton/Beograd igra na Holland Parku protiv Seaforda.

PORAZ PLYOV DUNAVA

Parkmore/PLAVI DUNAV - Vestall 0:1 (0:1). Nerasen rezultat bi vise odgovarao pri- kazanoj igri, ali Plavi Dunav nema sreću na ovom igralistu.

Rezerva je zato napravila iz- nenadjenje, jer je pobedila drugoplasiranog protivnika sa 1:0 (0:0). Strelac Mihajl Far- kas.

Richmond/BOSNA - Nije igrala proste subote, a 23. juna odlazi u goste Epping Thistlu na igralistu Epping High School, McDonalds Lane, My.182 D.10.

AMATERSKO PRVENSTVO

Collingwood City - Diggers Rest/JADRAN 3:2 (2:1). Jadran je pružio jednu od naj- boljih igara u ovoj sezoni, ali nije imao sreću pred golom protivnika. Strelci za Jadran Roko Igraci i Robert Stofa. Najbolji igraci Ljori Pertele, Robert Stofa i Eugen Poklar.

UNIJERSKI KUPLOVI

Proste nedelje odigrano je drugo kolo svih juniorskih kupulova u Melburnu. Postignuti su sledeci rezultati:

Ispod 11 godina: Fawken - Pascoe Vale/Pelister 1:0.

Ispod 12 godina: J.U.S.T. - Werribee 3:0 (3:0). Strelci: Damir Gjnjidic, Steven Mernik i Robin Stankovski.

Ispod 13 godina: Lalor/Sloba - J.U.S.T. 3:1 (1:1). Strelac Sasa Becinovski, dok je Zoran Katinovski promasio penala, a ostali su pogodali sta- tivom. Najbolji igraci An- djeleko Mileisic.

Ispod 14 godina: Northcote City "A" - J.U.S.T. 8:2 (0:1). "Plavi" su povelu sa 1:0, a onda se ukrali. Trener Joe P- cionae priprema teske treni- nge, jer su se momci razmzali i uobrazilu.

Pelister/Pascoe Vale - Croydon City 2:1. Strelci: Puc Colakovski i Nikola Nau- monovski.

Ispod 16 godina: Ascot Vale - J.U.S.T. 2:3 (1:3). "Pla- vi" su potpuno nadigrali domaci tim, ali su olako prim- ili dva gola. Strelci: Joe Gra- cia, John Anastasiadis i Peter Grmus.

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CAN THE SOCCEROOS BEAT IRAKLIS TOO?



Australia's Doug Brown, on target against Iraklis last Sunday.

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